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1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 19.01 (4) (c) 2., 48.065 (title), 48.065 (2) to (4), 753.175, 757.68
2 (2) (title), 757.68 (3), (4) and (5) (title), 757.69 (6), 757.695, 757.72 (title), 757.72
3 (2), 757.72 (3), 757.72 (4), 757.72 (6), 757.72 (7), 757.72 (8), 757.81 (2), 767.13
4 (title), 767.13 (2) (title), 767.13 (2) (b), (3) and (4), 767.13 (5) (title) and (a) (title),
5 767.13 (5) (b) (title), 767.13 (5) (c) (title), 767.13 (6), 767.13 (7) (title), 767.17 and
6 938.065; **to renumber and amend** 48.065 (1), 757.68 (2), 757.68 (5), 757.69 (1)
7 (g), 757.69 (3), 757.69 (4) and (5), 757.69 (7), 757.72 (1), 757.72 (5), 767.13 (1),
8 767.13 (2) (a), 767.13 (5) (a), 767.13 (5) (b), 767.13 (5) (c) and 767.13 (7); **to**
9 **amend** 13.24 (1), 19.01 (4) (c) 1., 19.01 (4) (c) 4., 40.08 (9m), 46.03 (3), 48.06 (1)
10 (a) 2., 48.208 (4), 48.21 (1) (a), 48.21 (1) (b), 48.21 (4) (intro.), 48.21 (7), 48.213
11 (1) (a), 48.213 (1) (b), 48.213 (3) (intro.), 48.213 (6), 48.227 (4) (a), 48.30 (9), 48.32
12 (1), 48.32 (1b), 48.32 (2) (a), 48.32 (6), 49.852 (3), 49.854 (2) (c), 49.854 (3) (ag)
13 2., 49.854 (3) (ar), 49.854 (3) (b), 49.854 (5) (f), 49.854 (6) (c), 49.854 (7) (c), 49.854
14 (7m), 49.855 (3), 49.855 (4m) (b), 49.856 (4), 49.857 (2) (c) 1., 49.857 (3) (ac),

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1 49.857 (3) (ar), 49.858 (3), 51.10 (4m) (d), 51.20 (1) (c), 51.45 (12) (b) (intro.),
2 51.45 (12) (c) (intro.), 51.45 (12) (c) 1., 51.45 (13) (dm), 59.37, 59.40 (2) (j), 59.53
3 (5) (a), 59.64 (1) (c) (title), 1. (intro.) and 2., 59.64 (1) (d) (intro.), 59.64 (1) (d) 1.
4 (intro.), 59.64 (1) (d) 1m. (form), 59.64 (1) (e), 59.64 (1) (f), 59.64 (1) (g) 4., 59.79
5 (5), 63.03 (2) (z), 69.15 (3m) (a) 3. and 4., 75.43, 101.02 (5) (c), 103.005 (5) (c),
6 133.10 (1), 133.11 (1), 133.11 (3), 171.04 (1), 171.04 (2), 171.04 (3), 171.05,
7 171.06, 196.24 (2), 196.675 (3), 563.71 (1) (a), 563.71 (1) (c), 757.23, 757.24,
8 757.30 (2), 757.68 (title), 757.69 (title), 757.69 (1) (b), 757.69 (1) (j), 757.69 (1)
9 (m), 757.69 (2) (intro.), 757.69 (2) (a), 757.70 (2), 757.81 (6), 757.85 (1) (a), 757.85
10 (1) (b), 757.85 (3), 757.85 (4), 757.85 (5), 757.87 (1), 757.89, 757.93 (1) (a), 757.93
11 (1) (b), 757.93 (2), 757.93 (4) (a), 757.95, 757.99, 765.11 (1), 765.11 (2), 765.16
12 (5), 767.045 (1) (c) (intro.), 767.081 (title), 767.081 (1), 767.081 (2) (a) (intro.),
13 767.081 (2) (b), 767.083 (2), 767.085 (1) (i), 767.085 (1) (j) (intro.), 767.085 (3),
14 767.087 (1) (b), 767.087 (1) (c), 767.087 (2), 767.11 (1) (c), 767.11 (5) (a), 767.11
15 (5) (b), 767.11 (5) (c), 767.11 (6), 767.11 (7), 767.11 (13), 767.115 (1) (a), 767.115
16 (1) (b), 767.115 (1m), 767.115 (2), 767.115 (4) (a), 767.115 (4) (b), 767.115 (4) (c)
17 2., 767.12 (1), 767.125, 767.14, 767.145 (1), 767.15 (1), 767.16, 767.23 (1) (intro.),
18 767.23 (1) (a), 767.23 (1) (am), 767.23 (1m), 767.23 (1n), 767.242 (3) (b), 767.242
19 (3) (c), 767.242 (5) (a), 767.242 (5) (b) (intro.), 767.242 (5) (b) 2. c., 767.242 (5)
20 (c), 767.242 (5) (d), 767.242 (6) (a), 767.247, 767.25 (4m) (f) 2., 767.265 (1),
21 767.265 (2h), 767.265 (2m) (b), 767.265 (2r), 767.267 (1), 767.267 (5), 767.27 (2),
22 767.29 (title), 767.29 (1) (c), 767.29 (1) (d), 767.29 (1) (e), 767.29 (1m) (b), 767.29
23 (3) (a), 767.29 (3) (b), 767.293 (1), 767.293 (2), 767.293 (3), 767.32 (1) (a), 767.327
24 (2) (c), 767.33 (2), 767.37 (1) (a), 767.37 (2), 767.45 (5) (b), 767.455 (5) (form),
25 767.458 (1m), 767.46 (1), 767.463, 767.465 (2) (a), 767.62 (2) (b), 767.62 (3) (b),

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1 767.62 (4) (intro.), 769.102, 769.302, 782.01 (3), 782.03, 782.28, 799.03, 799.05
2 (7) (intro.), 799.06 (1), 799.11 (3), 799.20 (4), 799.206 (1), (2) and (4), 799.207
3 (title), 799.207 (1) (a), 799.207 (1) (b), 799.207 (1) (e), 799.207 (2) (intro.),
4 799.207 (3) (b), 799.209 (1) to (4), 799.21 (3) (b), 799.21 (4), 799.24 (1), 799.24
5 (3), 799.26 (1), 803.01 (3) (b) 1., 807.02, 807.04 (1), 807.09 (1), 812.30 (2), 813.025
6 (1), 813.12 (2) (a), 813.12 (2) (b), 813.12 (3) (a), 813.12 (3) (am), 813.12 (3) (c),
7 813.12 (3) (d), 813.12 (4) (a) (intro.), 813.12 (4) (a) 3., 813.12 (4) (am), 813.12 (4)
8 (b), 813.12 (4m) (a) 2., 813.12 (4m) (b) (intro.), 813.12 (4m) (b) 2., 813.12 (5) (c),
9 813.12 (6) (a), 813.12 (7m), 813.122 (3) (a), 813.122 (3) (b) (intro.), 813.122 (3)
10 (bm), 813.122 (4) (a) (intro.), 813.122 (4) (a) 1., 813.122 (4) (a) 2., 813.122 (5m)
11 (a) 2., 813.122 (5m) (b) (intro.), 813.122 (5m) (b) 2., 813.122 (9) (a), 813.123 (3)
12 (a), 813.123 (3) (b) (intro.), 813.123 (4) (a), 813.123 (8) (a), 813.125 (3) (a) (intro.),
13 813.125 (3) (a) 2., 813.125 (3) (c), 813.125 (4) (a) (intro.), 813.125 (4) (a) 2.,
14 813.125 (4) (a) 3., 813.125 (4m) (a), 813.125 (4m) (c) 2., 813.125 (4m) (d) (intro.),
15 813.125 (4m) (d) 2., 813.125 (5) (am), 814.615 (3), 814.68 (title), 814.68 (1)
16 (intro.), 814.68 (1) (a), 814.68 (1) (b) (intro.), 814.68 (1) (b) 1., 814.68 (2), 816.03
17 (1) (b), 816.035 (1) and (2), 818.02 (6), 879.61, 885.10, 885.12, 887.26 (7), 898.02,
18 898.04, 898.11, 906.15 (1), 906.15 (2) (d), 906.15 (3), 911.01 (1), 938.06 (1) (a) 2.,
19 938.208 (4), 938.21 (1) (a), 938.21 (1) (b), 938.21 (2) (c), 938.21 (4) (intro.), 938.21
20 (4m), 938.21 (7), 938.30 (9), 938.32 (1) (a), 938.32 (1d), 938.32 (1g) (intro.),
21 938.32 (1m) (intro.) and (a), 938.32 (1t) (a) 1., 938.32 (1t) (a) 1m., 938.32 (1t) (a)
22 3., 938.32 (1v), 938.32 (1x), 938.32 (2) (a), 938.32 (6), 940.203 (1) (b), 943.013 (1)
23 (b), 946.495, 967.07, 971.20 (3) (a), 973.20 (13) (c) 4., 977.05 (6) (b) 2., 979.05 (1),
24 979.05 (3), 979.05 (4), 979.05 (5), 979.05 (6), 979.06 (1), 979.06 (2), 979.06 (3),
25 979.06 (4) (intro.), 979.06 (5), 979.08 (1), 979.08 (3) (intro.), 979.08 (6), 979.08

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1 (7) and 979.09; **to repeal and recreate** 17.16 (1), 757.68 (1), 757.69 (1) (intro.),
2 757.69 (1) (k) and 979.05 (2); and **to create** 757.001, 757.01 (4), 757.675 (title),
3 757.68 (5m), 757.68 (6), 757.68 (7), 757.69 (1) (g) 8. to 13., 757.69 (1m), 757.69
4 (2m) and 757.69 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:** powers, responsibilities, and
5 appointment of court commissioners.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

6 **SECTION 1.** 13.24 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 13.24 (1) After the service of the notice required by s. 13.23 either party may
8 proceed to take the depositions of witnesses before any judge, circuit or supplemental
9 court commissioner or a municipal judge in the district where the contest is pending,
10 upon giving 10 days' notice in writing to the opposite party of the time and place at
11 which and the officer before whom such depositions will be taken. No deposition
12 shall be taken after the last Monday preceding the day fixed by law for the meeting
13 of the legislature, except in case of sickness or unavoidable absence of witnesses.

14 **SECTION 2.** 17.16 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

15 17.16 (1) Removals from office at pleasure shall be made by order, a copy of
16 which shall be filed as provided by sub. (8), except that a copy of the order of removal
17 of a circuit court commissioner shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit
18 court.

19 **SECTION 3.** 19.01 (4) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 19.01 (4) (c) 1. All circuit and supplemental court commissioners.

21 **SECTION 4.** 19.01 (4) (c) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

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1 **SECTION 5.** 19.01 (4) (c) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 19.01 **(4)** (c) 4. All judges or judicial officers, not included in subds. 1. to and
3 3., elected or appointed for that county, or whose jurisdiction is limited to that county.

4 **SECTION 6.** 40.08 (9m) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **40.08 (9m) GUARDIANS.** An application for a benefit, a designation of a
6 beneficiary or any other document which has a long-term effect on a person's rights
7 and benefits under this chapter and which requires a signature may be signed and
8 filed by a guardian of the estate when accompanied by a photocopy or facsimile of an
9 order of guardianship issued by a circuit court judge or a register in probate or a
10 probate circuit court commissioner who is assigned the authority to issue such orders
11 under s. ~~757.72 (2) or (5)~~ 851.73 (1) (g).

12 **SECTION 7.** 46.03 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 **46.03 (3) TRUSTEE DUTY.** Take and hold in trust, whenever it considers
14 acceptance advantageous, all property transferred to the state to be applied to any
15 specified purpose, use or benefit pertaining to any of the institutions under its control
16 or the inmates thereof, and apply the same in accordance with the trust; and when
17 ordered by the court, act as trustee of funds paid for the support of any child if
18 appointed by the court or ~~family~~ a circuit court commissioner under s. 767.475 (7).

19 **SECTION 8.** 48.06 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **48.06 (1) (a) 2.** The chief judge of the judicial administrative district shall
21 formulate written judicial policy governing intake and court services for child
22 welfare matters under this chapter and the department shall be charged with
23 executing the judicial policy. The chief judge shall direct and supervise the work of
24 all personnel of the court, except the work of the district attorney or corporation

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1 counsel assigned to the court. ~~The chief judge may delegate his or her supervisory~~
2 ~~functions under s. 48.065 (1).~~

3 **SECTION 9.** 48.065 (title) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 10.** 48.065 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 757.68 (3m) and amended
5 to read:

6 757.68 **(3m)** ~~The board of supervisors of any county may authorize the chief~~
7 ~~judge of the judicial administrative district to appoint~~ establish one or more circuit
8 court commissioner positions on a part-time or full-time juvenile court
9 commissioners who basis to assist in matters affecting juveniles. A circuit court
10 commissioner under this subsection shall serve at the discretion of the chief judge.
11 ~~A juvenile court commissioner shall be licensed to practice law in this state and shall~~
12 ~~have been so licensed for at least 2 years immediately prior to appointment and shall~~
13 ~~have a demonstrated interest in the welfare of children and unborn children. The~~
14 ~~chief judge may assign law clerks, bailiffs and deputies to the court commissioner.~~
15 ~~The chief judge shall supervise juvenile court commissioners, law clerks, bailiffs and~~
16 ~~deputies, except that the chief judge may delegate any of those duties.~~

17 **SECTION 11.** 48.065 (2) to (4) of the statutes are repealed.

18 **SECTION 12.** 48.208 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 48.208 **(4)** Probable cause exists to believe that the child, having been placed
20 in nonsecure custody by an intake worker under s. 48.207 (1) or by the judge or
21 juvenile a circuit court commissioner under s. 48.21 (4), has run away or committed
22 a delinquent act and no other suitable alternative exists.

23 **SECTION 13.** 48.21 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 48.21 **(1)** (a) If a child who has been taken into custody is not released under
25 s. 48.20, a hearing to determine whether the child shall continue to be held in custody

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1 under the criteria of ss. 48.205 to 48.209 shall be conducted by the judge or juvenile
2 a circuit court commissioner within 48 hours of the time the decision to hold the child
3 was made, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. By the time of the
4 hearing a petition under s. 48.25 shall be filed, except that no petition need be filed
5 where a child is taken into custody under s. 48.19 (1) (b) or (d) 2. or 7. or where the
6 child is a runaway from another state, in which case a written statement of the
7 reasons for holding a child in custody shall be substituted if the petition is not filed.
8 If no hearing has been held within 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal
9 holidays, or if no petition or statement has been filed at the time of the hearing, the
10 child shall be released except as provided in par. (b). A parent not present at the
11 hearing shall be granted a rehearing upon request.

12 **SECTION 14.** 48.21 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 48.21 (1) (b) If no petition has been filed by the time of the hearing, a child may
14 be held in custody with approval of the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner
15 for an additional 72 hours from the time of the hearing, excluding Saturdays,
16 Sundays and legal holidays, only if, as a result of the facts brought forth at the
17 hearing, the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner determines that probable
18 cause exists to believe that the child is an imminent danger to himself or herself or
19 to others, that probable cause exists to believe that the parent, guardian or legal
20 custodian of the child or other responsible adult is neglecting, refusing, unable or
21 unavailable to provide adequate supervision and care or, if the child is an expectant
22 mother who was taken into custody under s. 48.19 (1) (cm) or (d) 8., that probable
23 cause exists to believe that there is a substantial risk that if the child expectant
24 mother is not held, the physical health of the unborn child, and of the child when
25 born, will be seriously affected or endangered by the child expectant mother's

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1 habitual lack of self-control in the use of alcohol beverages, controlled substances or
2 controlled substance analogs, exhibited to a severe degree, and to believe that the
3 child expectant mother is refusing or has refused to accept any alcohol or other drug
4 abuse services offered to her or is not making or has not made a good faith effort to
5 participate in any alcohol or other drug abuse services offered to her. The extension
6 may be granted only once for any petition. In the event of failure to file a petition
7 within the extension period provided for in this paragraph, the judge or juvenile
8 circuit court commissioner shall order the child's immediate release from custody.

9 **SECTION 15.** 48.21 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 48.21 (4) CONTINUATION OF CUSTODY. (intro.) If the judge or juvenile circuit court
11 commissioner finds that the child should be continued in custody under the criteria
12 of s. 48.205, he or she shall enter one of the following orders:

13 **SECTION 16.** 48.21 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 48.21 (7) INFORMAL DISPOSITION. If the judge or juvenile circuit court
15 commissioner determines that the best interests of the child and the public are
16 served or, in the case of a child expectant mother who has been taken into custody
17 under s. 48.19 (1) (cm) or (d) 8., that the best interests of the unborn child and the
18 public are served, he or she may enter a consent decree under s. 48.32 or order the
19 petition dismissed and refer the matter to the intake worker for informal disposition
20 in accordance with s. 48.245.

21 **SECTION 17.** 48.213 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 48.213 (1) (a) If an adult expectant mother of an unborn child who has been
23 taken into custody is not released under s. 48.203, a hearing to determine whether
24 the adult expectant mother shall continue to be held in custody under the criteria of
25 s. 48.205 (1m) shall be conducted by the judge or juvenile a circuit court

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1 commissioner within 48 hours after the time that the decision to hold the adult
2 expectant mother was made, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. By
3 the time of the hearing a petition under s. 48.25 shall be filed, except that no petition
4 need be filed when an adult expectant mother is taken into custody under s. 48.193
5 (1) (b) or (d) 1. or 3., in which case a written statement of the reasons for holding the
6 adult expectant mother in custody shall be substituted if the petition is not filed. If
7 no hearing has been held within those 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and
8 legal holidays, or if no petition or statement has been filed at the time of the hearing,
9 the adult expectant mother shall be released except as provided in par. (b).

10 **SECTION 18.** 48.213 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 48.213 (1) (b) If no petition has been filed by the time of the hearing, an adult
12 expectant mother of an unborn child may be held in custody with the approval of the
13 judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner for an additional 72 hours after the time
14 of the hearing, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, only if, as a result
15 of the facts brought forth at the hearing, the judge or juvenile circuit court
16 commissioner determines that probable cause exists to believe that there is a
17 substantial risk that if the adult expectant mother is not held, the physical health
18 of the unborn child, and of the child when born, will be seriously affected or
19 endangered by the adult expectant mother's habitual lack of self-control in the use
20 of alcohol beverages, controlled substances or controlled substance analogs,
21 exhibited to a severe degree, and to believe that the adult expectant mother is
22 refusing or has refused to accept any alcohol or other drug abuse services offered to
23 her or is not making or has not made a good faith effort to participate in any alcohol
24 or other drug abuse services offered to her. The extension may be granted only once
25 for any petition. In the event of failure to file a petition within the extension period

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1 provided for in this paragraph, the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner shall
2 order the adult expectant mother's immediate release from custody.

3 **SECTION 19.** 48.213 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 48.213 (3) CONTINUATION OF CUSTODY. (intro.) If the judge or juvenile circuit
5 court commissioner finds that the adult expectant mother should be continued in
6 custody under the criteria of s. 48.205 (1m), the judge or juvenile circuit court
7 commissioner shall enter one of the following orders:

8 **SECTION 20.** 48.213 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 48.213 (6) INFORMAL DISPOSITION. If the judge or juvenile circuit court
10 commissioner determines that the best interests of the unborn child and the public
11 are served, the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner may enter a consent
12 decree under s. 48.32 or order the petition dismissed and refer the matter to the
13 intake worker for informal disposition in accordance with s. 48.245.

14 **SECTION 21.** 48.227 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 48.227 (4) (a) If the child's parent, guardian or legal custodian does not consent
16 to the temporary care and housing of the child at the runaway home as provided
17 under sub. (2) or (3), a hearing shall be held on the issue by the judge or juvenile a
18 circuit court commissioner within 24 hours of the time that the child entered the
19 runaway home, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. The intake
20 worker shall notify the child and the child's parent, guardian or legal custodian of
21 the time, place and purpose of the hearing.

22 **SECTION 22.** 48.30 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 48.30 (9) If a circuit court commissioner conducts the plea hearing and accepts
24 an admission of the alleged facts in a petition brought under s. 48.13 or 48.133, the

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1 judge shall review the admission at the beginning of the dispositional hearing by
2 addressing the parties and making the inquiries set forth in sub. (8).

3 **SECTION 23.** 48.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 48.32 (1) At any time after the filing of a petition for a proceeding relating to
5 s. 48.13 or 48.133 and before the entry of judgment, the judge or juvenile a circuit
6 court commissioner may suspend the proceedings and place the child or expectant
7 mother under supervision in the home or present placement of the child or expectant
8 mother. The court may establish terms and conditions applicable to the child and the
9 child's parent, guardian or legal custodian, to the child expectant mother and her
10 parent, guardian or legal custodian or to the adult expectant mother, including the
11 condition specified in sub. (1b). The order under this section shall be known as a
12 consent decree and must be agreed to by the child if 12 years of age or older, the
13 parent, guardian or legal custodian, and the person filing the petition under s. 48.25;
14 by the child expectant mother, her parent, guardian or legal custodian, the unborn
15 child by the unborn child's guardian ad litem and the person filing the petition under
16 s. 48.25; or by the adult expectant mother, the unborn child by the unborn child's
17 guardian ad litem and the person filing the petition under s. 48.25. The consent
18 decree shall be reduced to writing and given to the parties.

19 **SECTION 24.** 48.32 (1b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 48.32 (1b) The judge or juvenile a circuit court commissioner may, as a
21 condition under sub. (1), request a court-appointed special advocate program to
22 designate a court-appointed special advocate for the child to perform the activities
23 specified in s. 48.236 (3) that are authorized in the memorandum of understanding
24 under s. 48.07 (5) (a). A court-appointed special advocate designated under this

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1 subsection shall have the authority specified in s. 48.236 (4) that is authorized in the
2 memorandum of understanding under s. 48.07 (5) (a).

3 **SECTION 25.** 48.32 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 48.32 (2) (a) A consent decree shall remain in effect up to 6 months unless the
5 child, parent, guardian, legal custodian or expectant mother is discharged sooner by
6 the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner.

7 **SECTION 26.** 48.32 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 48.32 (6) The judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner shall inform the child
9 and the child's parent, guardian or legal custodian, or the adult expectant mother,
10 in writing, of the right of the child or expectant mother to object to the continuation
11 of the consent decree under sub. (3) and the fact that the hearing under which the
12 child or expectant mother was placed on supervision may be continued to conclusion
13 as if the consent decree had never been entered.

14 **SECTION 27.** 49.852 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 49.852 (3) If a person has requested a hearing pursuant to sub. (2) (b), the
16 hearing shall be conducted before the circuit court that rendered the initial order to
17 pay support. The court shall schedule a hearing within 10 business days after
18 receiving a request for a hearing. The family A circuit court commissioner may
19 conduct the hearing. If the court determines that the person owes the amount
20 specified in the statewide support lien docket under s. 49.854 (2) (b), the department
21 of workforce development may direct the department of employee trust funds, the
22 retirement system of any 1st class city, any retirement system established under
23 chapter 201, laws of 1937, or the administrator of any other pension plan, whichever
24 is appropriate, to withhold the amount from any lump sum payment from a pension
25 plan that may be paid the person. If the court determines that the person does not

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1 owe the amount specified in the statewide support lien docket under s. 49.854 (2) (b),
2 the department of workforce development may not direct the department of
3 employee trust funds, the retirement system of any 1st class city, any retirement
4 system established under chapter 201, laws of 1937, or the administrator of any
5 other pension plan, whichever is appropriate, to withhold the amount from any lump
6 sum payment from a pension plan that may be paid the person.

7 **SECTION 28.** 49.854 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 49.854 (2) (c) *Updating the statewide support lien docket.* The department shall
9 update the statewide support lien docket in response to orders issued by a court or
10 family circuit court commissioner. The department shall periodically update the
11 statewide support lien docket to reflect changes in the amounts of the liens contained
12 in the docket.

13 **SECTION 29.** 49.854 (3) (ag) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 49.854 (3) (ag) 2. If the obligor disagrees with the determination of the
15 department, the obligor may request a hearing with the court or a family circuit court
16 commissioner to review the department's determination. To request a hearing under
17 this subdivision, the obligor shall make the request within 5 business days of the date
18 of the department's determination under subd. 1. The obligor shall make the request
19 in writing and shall mail or deliver a copy of the request to the county child support
20 agency. If a timely request for a hearing is made under this subdivision, the court
21 or family circuit court commissioner shall hold the hearing within 15 business days
22 of the request. If, at the hearing, the obligor establishes that the lien is not proper
23 because of a mistake of fact, the court or family circuit court commissioner shall order
24 the department to remove the lien from the statewide support lien docket or adjust
25 the amount of the delinquent obligation.

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1 **SECTION 30.** 49.854 (3) (ar) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 49.854 **(3)** (ar) *Direct appeal.* If the obligor has not requested a financial
3 records and court order review under par. (ag), the obligor may request a hearing
4 under this paragraph within 20 business days of the date of the notice under par. (a).
5 The obligor shall make the request in writing and shall mail or deliver a copy of the
6 request to the county child support agency. If a timely request for a hearing is made
7 under this paragraph, the court or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner shall schedule
8 a hearing within 10 days after the date of the request. If, at the hearing, the obligor
9 establishes that the lien is not proper because of a mistake of fact, the court or ~~family~~
10 circuit court commissioner shall order the department to remove the lien from the
11 statewide support lien docket or adjust the amount of the delinquent obligation.

12 **SECTION 31.** 49.854 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 49.854 **(3)** (b) *Appeal.* If a ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner conducts a hearing
14 under par. (ag) or (ar), the department or the obligor may, within 15 business days
15 after the date of the decision by the ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner, request review
16 of the decision by the court having jurisdiction over the action. The court conducting
17 the review may order that the lien be withdrawn from the statewide support lien
18 dockets or may order an adjustment of the amount of the delinquent obligation. If
19 no appeal is sought or if the court does not order the withdrawal of the lien, the
20 department may take appropriate actions to enforce the lien.

21 **SECTION 32.** 49.854 (5) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 49.854 **(5)** (f) *Hearings.* A hearing requested under par. (d) 6. shall be
23 conducted before the circuit court rendering the order to pay support. Within 45
24 business days after receiving a request for hearing under par. (d) 6., the court shall
25 conduct the hearing. The ~~family~~ A circuit court commissioner may conduct the

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1 hearing. The hearing shall be limited to a review of whether the account holder owes
2 the amount of support certified and whether any alternative payment arrangement
3 offered by the department or the county child support agency is reasonable. If the
4 court or family circuit court commissioner makes a written determination that an
5 alternative payment arrangement offered by the department or county child support
6 agency is not reasonable, the court or family circuit court commissioner may order
7 an alternative payment arrangement. If the court or family circuit court
8 commissioner orders an alternative payment arrangement, the court or family
9 circuit court commissioner shall order the department to release all or a portion of
10 the funds. If the court or family circuit court commissioner determines that the
11 account holder does not owe support or owes less than the amount claimed by the
12 department, the court shall order the department to return the seized funds or the
13 excess of the seized funds over the amount of the delinquency to the account holder.
14 If a family circuit court commissioner conducts the hearing under this paragraph,
15 the department or the obligor may, within 15 business days after the date that the
16 family circuit court commissioner makes his or her decision, request review of the
17 decision by the court with jurisdiction over the action.

18 **SECTION 33.** 49.854 (6) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 49.854 (6) (c) *Hearing.* If a hearing is requested under par. (b) 4., the court or
20 family circuit court commissioner shall schedule a hearing within 10 business days
21 after receiving the request under par. (b) 4. The hearing shall be limited to a review
22 of whether the obligor owes the amount of support owed that is stated in the notice
23 of seizure and whether any alternative payment arrangement offered by the
24 department or the county child support agency is reasonable. If the court or family
25 circuit court commissioner makes a written determination that an alternative

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1 payment arrangement offered by the department or county child support agency is
2 not reasonable, the court or family circuit court commissioner may order an
3 alternative payment arrangement. If the court or family circuit court commissioner
4 orders an alternative payment arrangement, the court or family circuit court
5 commissioner shall order the department to return the seized property within 15
6 business days. If the court or family circuit court commissioner determines that the
7 obligor does not owe support or owes less than the amount claimed by the
8 department, the court shall order the department to return the seized property
9 within 15 business days or specify the amount which may be retained by the
10 department after the sale of the seized property. If a family circuit court
11 commissioner conducts the hearing under this paragraph, the department or the
12 obligor may, within 15 business days after the date that the family circuit court
13 commissioner makes his or her decision, request review of the decision by the court
14 with jurisdiction over the action. The court reviewing the decision may order the
15 department to return the seized property or may authorize the sale of the property
16 by the department. If the department is ordered to return seized property under this
17 paragraph, the court shall instruct any state agency responsible for titling the
18 property that it may transfer title to the property without receiving instructions from
19 a court or the department under par. (a).

20 **SECTION 34.** 49.854 (7) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 49.854 (7) (c) *Hearing.* If a hearing is requested under par. (b) 1. c., the court
22 or family circuit court commissioner shall schedule a hearing within 10 business
23 days after receiving the request under par. (b) 1. c. The hearing shall be limited to
24 a review of whether the obligor owes the amount of support owed that is stated in the
25 notice of intent under par. (b) and whether any alternative payment arrangement

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1 offered by the department or the county child support agency is reasonable. If the
2 court or family circuit court commissioner makes a written determination that an
3 alternative payment arrangement offered by the department or county child support
4 agency is not reasonable, the court or family circuit court commissioner may order
5 an alternative payment arrangement. If the court or family circuit court
6 commissioner orders an alternative payment arrangement, the court or family
7 circuit court commissioner shall order the department not to proceed with the levy.
8 If the court or family circuit court commissioner determines that the obligor does not
9 owe support or owes less than the amount claimed by the department, the court shall
10 order the department not to proceed with the levy or specify the amount that may
11 be retained by the department after the sale of the seized property. If a family circuit
12 court commissioner conducts the hearing under this paragraph, the department or
13 the obligor may, within 15 business days after the date that the family circuit court
14 commissioner makes his or her decision, request review of the decision by the court
15 with jurisdiction over the action. The court reviewing the decision may order the
16 department not to proceed with the levy of the property or may authorize the sale of
17 the property by the department.

18 **SECTION 35.** 49.854 (7m) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 49.854 (7m) JOINTLY HELD PROPERTY. A person, other than the obligor, who holds
20 a joint interest in property levied against under this section may request a hearing,
21 as provided in subs. (5) (d) 6m., (6) (b) 3m. or (7) (b) 1. d., to determine the proportion
22 of the value of the property that is attributable to his or her net contribution to the
23 property. If a hearing is requested under this subsection, the court or family circuit
24 court commissioner shall schedule a hearing within 10 days after receiving the
25 request. The hearing shall be limited to determining the proportion of the value of

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1 the property that is attributable to the person's net contribution to the property. If
2 more than one person requests a hearing under this subsection, or if the obligor
3 requests a hearing under sub. (5) (f), (6) (c) or (7) (c), with respect to the same
4 property, the court or family circuit court commissioner may schedule the hearings
5 together. The person requesting the hearing shall have the burden of proving his or
6 her net contribution by clear and convincing evidence. If the court determines that
7 a portion of the jointly held property is attributable to the contributions of the person,
8 the court shall direct the department or the county child support agency to pay the
9 person, from the net balance of the jointly held account or the net proceeds of the sale
10 of the jointly held real or personal property, the proportion of the gross value of the
11 account or real or personal property that is attributable to that person. If ~~the family~~
12 a circuit court commissioner conducts the hearing under this subsection, the person
13 may, within 15 business days after the date that the family circuit court
14 commissioner makes his or her decision, request review of the decision by the court
15 with jurisdiction over the action.

16 **SECTION 36.** 49.855 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 49.855 (3) Receipt of a certification by the department of revenue shall
18 constitute a lien, equal to the amount certified, on any state tax refunds or credits
19 owed to the obligor. The lien shall be foreclosed by the department of revenue as a
20 setoff under s. 71.93 (3), (6) and (7). When the department of revenue determines
21 that the obligor is otherwise entitled to a state tax refund or credit, it shall notify the
22 obligor that the state intends to reduce any state tax refund or credit due the obligor
23 by the amount the obligor is delinquent under the support or maintenance order, by
24 the outstanding amount for past support, medical expenses or birth expenses under
25 the court order or by the amount due under s. 46.10 (4) or 301.12 (4). The notice shall

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1 provide that within 20 days the obligor may request a hearing before the circuit court
2 rendering the order. Within 10 days after receiving a request for hearing under this
3 subsection, the court shall set the matter for hearing. Pending further order by the
4 court or ~~family~~ a circuit court commissioner, the department of workforce
5 development or its designee, whichever is appropriate, is prohibited from disbursing
6 the obligor's state tax refund or credit. ~~The family~~ A circuit court commissioner may
7 conduct the hearing. The sole issues at that hearing shall be whether the obligor
8 owes the amount certified and, if not and it is a support or maintenance order,
9 whether the money withheld from a tax refund or credit shall be paid to the obligor
10 or held for future support or maintenance. An obligor may, within 20 days of
11 receiving notice that the amount certified shall be withheld from his or her federal
12 tax refund or credit, request a hearing under this subsection.

13 **SECTION 37.** 49.855 (4m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 49.855 (4m) (b) The department of revenue may provide a certification that it
15 receives under sub. (1), (2m) or (2p) to the department of administration. Upon
16 receipt of the certification, the department of administration shall determine
17 whether the obligor is a vendor or is receiving any other payments from this state,
18 except for wages, retirement benefits or assistance under s. 45.352, 1971 stats., s.
19 45.351 (1), this chapter or ch. 46, 108 or 301. If the department of administration
20 determines that the obligor is a vendor or is receiving payments from this state,
21 except for wages, retirement benefits or assistance under s. 45.352, 1971 stats., s.
22 45.351 (1), this chapter or ch. 46, 108 or 301, it shall begin to withhold the amount
23 certified from those payments and shall notify the obligor that the state intends to
24 reduce any payments due the obligor by the amount the obligor is delinquent under
25 the support or maintenance order, by the outstanding amount for past support,

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1 medical expenses or birth expenses under the court order or by the amount due under
2 s. 46.10 (4) or 301.12 (4). The notice shall provide that within 20 days after receipt
3 of the notice the obligor may request a hearing before the circuit court rendering the
4 order. An obligor may, within 20 days after receiving notice, request a hearing under
5 this paragraph. Within 10 days after receiving a request for hearing under this
6 paragraph, the court shall set the matter for hearing. ~~The family~~ A circuit court
7 commissioner may conduct the hearing. Pending further order by the court or ~~family~~
8 circuit court commissioner, the department of workforce development or its designee,
9 whichever is appropriate, may not disburse the payments withheld from the obligor.
10 The sole issues at the hearing are whether the obligor owes the amount certified and,
11 if not and it is a support or maintenance order, whether the money withheld shall be
12 paid to the obligor or held for future support or maintenance.

13 **SECTION 38.** 49.856 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 49.856 **(4)** If the obligor requests a hearing under sub. (3) (b), the circuit court
15 shall schedule a hearing within 10 business days after receiving the request. The
16 only issue at the hearing shall be whether the person owes the delinquent payment
17 or outstanding amount specified in the statewide support lien docket under s. 49.854
18 (2) (b). A ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner may conduct the hearing.

19 **SECTION 39.** 49.857 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 49.857 **(2)** (c) 1. The system shall provide for adequate notice to an individual
21 who is delinquent in making court-ordered payments of support, an opportunity for
22 the individual to make alternative arrangements for paying the delinquent support,
23 an opportunity for the individual to request and obtain a hearing before a court or
24 ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner as provided in sub. (3) and prompt reinstatement

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1 of the individual's license upon payment of the delinquent support or upon making
2 satisfactory alternative payment arrangements.

3 **SECTION 40.** 49.857 (3) (ac) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 49.857 (3) (ac) 1. If an individual timely requests a hearing under par. (a) 5.,
5 the court shall schedule a hearing within 10 business days after receiving the
6 request. ~~The family~~ A circuit court commissioner may conduct the hearing. The only
7 issues at the hearing shall be whether the individual is delinquent in making
8 court-ordered payments of support and whether any alternative payment
9 arrangement offered by the department of workforce development or the county child
10 support agency is reasonable.

11 2. If at a hearing under subd. 1. the court or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner
12 finds that the individual does not owe delinquent support, or if within 20 business
13 days after receiving a notice under par. (a) the individual pays the delinquent
14 amount in full or makes satisfactory alternative payment arrangements, the
15 department of workforce development ~~shall~~ may not place the individual's name on
16 a certification list.

17 3. If at a hearing under subd. 1. the court or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner
18 makes a written determination that alternative payment arrangements proposed by
19 the department of workforce development or a child support agency are not
20 reasonable, the court or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner may order for the
21 individual an alternative payment arrangement. If the court or ~~family~~ circuit court
22 commissioner orders an alternative payment arrangement, the department of
23 workforce development may not place the individual's name on a certification list.

24 **SECTION 41.** 49.857 (3) (ar) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 49.857 (3) (ar) 1. If an individual timely requests a hearing under par. (am) 5.,
2 the court shall schedule a hearing within 10 business days after receiving the
3 request. ~~The family~~ A circuit court commissioner may conduct the hearing. The only
4 issues at the hearing shall be whether the individual is delinquent in making
5 court-ordered payments of support and whether any alternative payment
6 arrangement offered by the department of workforce development or the county child
7 support agency is reasonable.

8 2. If at a hearing under subd. 1. the court or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner
9 finds that the individual does not owe delinquent support, or if within 20 business
10 days after receiving a notice under par. (am) the individual pays the delinquent
11 amount in full or makes satisfactory alternative payment arrangements, the
12 department of workforce development shall remove the individual's name from the
13 certification list.

14 3. If at a hearing under subd. 1. the court or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner
15 makes a written determination that alternative payment arrangements proposed by
16 the department of workforce development or a child support agency are not
17 reasonable, the court or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner may order for the
18 individual an alternative payment arrangement. If the court or ~~family~~ circuit court
19 commissioner orders an alternative payment arrangement, the department of
20 workforce development may not place the individual's name on a certification list.

21 **SECTION 42.** 49.858 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 49.858 (3) **REVIEW OF ~~FAMILY~~ CIRCUIT COURT COMMISSIONER DECISIONS.** If a ~~family~~
23 circuit court commissioner conducts a hearing in any administrative support
24 enforcement proceeding under s. 49.852, 49.856 or 49.857, the department of
25 workforce development or the obligor may, within 15 business days after the date

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1 that the ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner makes his or her decision, request review
2 of the decision by the court with jurisdiction over the matter.

3 **SECTION 43.** 51.10 (4m) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 51.10 **(4m)** (d) If a patient admitted under par. (a) 1. has not signed a voluntary
5 admission application within 7 days after admission, the patient, the guardian ad
6 litem and the physician who signed the admission request shall appear before the
7 judge or a circuit court commissioner ~~of the court~~ assigned to exercise probate
8 jurisdiction for the county in which the facility is located to determine whether the
9 patient shall remain in the facility as a voluntary patient. If the judge or circuit court
10 commissioner determines that the patient desires to leave the facility, the facility
11 shall discharge the patient. If the facility has reason to believe the patient is eligible
12 for commitment under s. 51.20, the facility may initiate procedures for involuntary
13 commitment.

14 **SECTION 44.** 51.20 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 51.20 **(1)** (c) The petition shall contain the names and mailing addresses of the
16 petitioners and their relation to the subject individual, and shall also contain the
17 names and mailing addresses of the individual's spouse, adult children, parents or
18 guardian, custodian, brothers, sisters, person in the place of a parent and person
19 with whom the individual resides or lives. If this information is unknown to the
20 petitioners or inapplicable, the petition shall so state. The petition may be filed in
21 the court assigned to exercise probate jurisdiction for the county where the subject
22 individual is present or the county of the individual's legal residence. If the judge of
23 the court or a circuit court commissioner who handles probate matters is not
24 available, the petition may be filed and the hearing under sub. (7) may be held before
25 a judge or circuit court commissioner of any circuit court for the county. For the

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1 purposes of this chapter, duties to be performed by a court shall be carried out by the
2 judge of the court or a circuit court commissioner of the court who is ~~an attorney and~~
3 is designated by the chief judge to so act, in all matters prior to a final hearing under
4 this section. The petition shall contain a clear and concise statement of the facts
5 which constitute probable cause to believe the allegations of the petition. The
6 petition shall be sworn to be true. If a petitioner is not a petitioner having personal
7 knowledge as provided in par. (b), the petition shall contain a statement providing
8 the basis for his or her belief.

9 **SECTION 45.** 51.45 (12) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 51.45 (12) (b) (intro.) The physician, spouse, guardian or a relative of the person
11 sought to be committed, or any other responsible person, may petition a circuit court
12 commissioner or the circuit court of the county in which the person sought to be
13 committed resides or is present for commitment under this subsection. The petition
14 shall:

15 **SECTION 46.** 51.45 (12) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 51.45 (12) (c) (intro.) Upon receipt of a petition under par. (b), the circuit court
17 commissioner or court shall:

18 **SECTION 47.** 51.45 (12) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

19 51.45 (12) (c) 1. Determine whether the petition and supporting affidavits
20 sustain the grounds for commitment and dismiss the petition if the grounds for
21 commitment are not sustained thereby. If the grounds for commitment are sustained
22 by the petition and supporting affidavits, the court or circuit court commissioner
23 shall issue an order temporarily committing the person to the custody of the county
24 department pending the outcome of the preliminary hearing under sub. (13) (d).

25 **SECTION 48.** 51.45 (13) (dm) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 51.45 (13) (dm) For the purposes of this section, duties to be performed by a
2 court shall be carried out by the judge of such court or a circuit court commissioner
3 of such court who is ~~an attorney and~~ is designated by the chief judge to so act, in all
4 matters prior to a final hearing under this subsection.

5 **SECTION 49.** 59.37 of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **59.37 Service when no coroner.** Whenever there is a vacancy in the office
7 of coroner, or when the coroner is absent from the county, sick or unable to perform
8 the duties of that office, or for any reason, except the nonpayment of legal fees,
9 refuses to serve and execute legal process against the sheriff in any action
10 commenced in any court of record within the county for which the coroner was or
11 should have been elected, any judge of a court of record or circuit court commissioner
12 of the county may, on proof of the vacancy, sickness, absence or refusal to serve and
13 execute such process, by an order to be endorsed on such process and addressed to
14 him or her, empower any citizen of the county in which such process is to be served
15 and executed to serve and execute the same; and that order shall be sufficient
16 authority to the person therein named to serve and execute such process with like
17 powers, liabilities and fees as the coroner.

18 **SECTION 50.** 59.40 (2) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 59.40 (2) (j) Keep a record called registers of officials and write or copy in the
20 record in tabular form the names of circuit and supplemental court commissioners,
21 deputy sheriffs, notaries public and municipal judges. The clerk shall list the
22 officers' names, the dates of their qualification and the commencement and
23 termination, if any, of their terms. The names shall be in alphabetical order or there
24 shall be an index in alphabetical order to the names.

25 **SECTION 51.** 59.53 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 59.53 (5) (a) The board shall contract with the department of workforce
2 development to implement and administer the child and spousal support and
3 establishment of paternity and the medical support liability programs provided for
4 by Title IV of the federal social security act. The board may designate by board
5 resolution any office, officer, board, department or agency, except the clerk of circuit
6 court, as the county child support agency. The board or county child support agency
7 shall implement and administer the programs in accordance with the contract with
8 the department of workforce development. The attorneys responsible for support
9 enforcement under sub. (6) (a), ~~family~~ circuit court ~~commissioner~~ commissioners and
10 all other county officials shall cooperate with the county and the department of
11 workforce development as necessary to provide the services required under the
12 programs. The county shall charge the fee established by the department of
13 workforce development under s. 49.22 for services provided under this paragraph to
14 persons not receiving benefits under s. 49.148 or 49.155 or assistance under s.
15 46.261, 49.19 or 49.47.

16 **SECTION 52.** 59.64 (1) (c) (title), 1. (intro.) and 2. of the statutes are amended
17 to read:

18 59.64 (1) (c) (title) *Of circuit and supplemental court commissioners.* 1. (intro.)
19 ~~Court~~ Circuit and supplemental court commissioners shall, on or before the first
20 Monday of November in each year, forward to the clerk of their respective counties
21 a correct statement of all actions or proceedings had before them, during the
22 immediately preceding year, in which the county became liable for costs. The
23 statement shall include all of the following:

24 2. The clerk shall file the statements described in subd. 1. in his or her office.
25 Any circuit or supplemental court commissioner who neglects to make and return the

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1 statements within the time prescribed in subd. 1. shall not receive any compensation
2 from the county for any service rendered by him or her in any criminal case or
3 proceeding during the year next preceding the time when the statement is required
4 to be made and returned.

5 **SECTION 53.** 59.64 (1) (d) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 59.64 (1) (d) *Of court officers; certification; audit by district attorney; waiver.*
7 (intro.) Fees of officers, in any action or proceeding before a circuit or supplemental
8 court commissioner, shall be certified to and allowed by the board in the following
9 manner:

10 **SECTION 54.** 59.64 (1) (d) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 59.64 (1) (d) 1. (intro.) At least 10 days before the annual meeting of the board,
12 every circuit and supplemental court commissioner shall make and file with the clerk
13 a certified statement of all actions or proceedings had or tried before him or her
14 within the year next preceding the date of the statement in which the state was a
15 party and in which the county became liable for the fees of officers who appeared on
16 the part of either the state or a defendant. The statement shall include all of the
17 following:

18 **SECTION 55.** 59.64 (1) (d) 1m. (form) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 59.64 (1) (d) 1m. (form)

20 STATE OF WISCONSIN

21 v.

22

23 IN CIRCUIT COURT FOR COUNTY

24 Complaint for

25 Before, Circuit or Supplemental Court Commissioner.

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1 Heard the day of,(year)

2 To the County Board of County:

3 I hereby certify that in the foregoing entitled action the following named
4 persons rendered services and attended before me in the capacity stated. I further
5 certify that the following named persons are severally entitled to the amounts
6 specified below for services, attendance and travel, that the services were actually
7 and necessarily rendered, and that the action was prosecuted in good faith:

8 A.B. (constable or sheriff), actually and necessarily traveled in serving
9 the herein, miles, and attended court days, and is entitled to \$.... for other
10 just and lawful services in the cause, and in all is entitled to \$.....

11 Dated this day of, (year)

12 **SECTION 56.** 59.64 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 59.64 (1) (e) *Fees for statements and certificates.* Every circuit or supplemental
14 court commissioner shall receive from the treasurer \$1 per page for making
15 statements and returns required by par. (c) and \$1 for making each certificate
16 required by par. (d). All such statements and certificates shall be transmitted to the
17 clerk by certified mail and for transmitting the statements and certificates the circuit
18 or supplemental court commissioner shall receive \$1.

19 **SECTION 57.** 59.64 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 59.64 (1) (f) *Court Circuit and supplemental court commissioners.* The board
21 at any session thereof may as provided in par. (d) 2. examine and allow any
22 statement, account or claim of any circuit or supplemental court commissioner which
23 is on file with the clerk before the opening of the session of the board.

24 **SECTION 58.** 59.64 (1) (g) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 59.64 (1) (g) 4. Any judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner, juror,
2 witness, interpreter, attorney, guardian ad litem or recipient of transcript fees who
3 makes, signs or endorses any such certificate or order which is untrue in respect to
4 anything material, which he or she knows to be false, or which he or she does not have
5 good reason to believe is true, shall be punished as provided in s. 946.12.

6 **SECTION 59.** 59.79 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 59.79 (5) FEE FOR CERTAIN MARRIAGE CEREMONIES. Enact an ordinance imposing
8 a fee to be paid in advance to the clerk for each marriage ceremony performed by a
9 judge or a circuit or supplemental court commissioner specified in s. 765.16 (5) in the
10 courthouse, safety building or children's court center during hours when any office
11 in those public buildings is open for the transaction of business. The amount of the
12 fee shall be determined by the board.

13 **SECTION 60.** 63.03 (2) (z) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 63.03 (2) (z) ~~Full-time~~ Circuit court commissioners under s. 757.68 (1)
15 employed on a full-time basis.

16 **SECTION 61.** 69.15 (3m) (a) 3. and 4. of the statutes are amended to read:

17 69.15 (3m) (a) 3. Except as provided in subd. 4, the person rescinding the
18 statement files the document under subd. 2. before the day on which a court or family
19 circuit court commissioner makes an order in an action affecting the family involving
20 the man who signed the statement and the child who is the subject of the statement
21 or before 60 days elapse after the statement was filed, whichever occurs first.

22 4. If the person rescinding the statement was under age 18 when the statement
23 was filed, the person files the document under subd. 2. before the day on which a
24 court or family circuit court commissioner makes an order in an action affecting the
25 family involving the man who signed the statement as the father of the registrant

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1 and the child who is the subject of the statement or before 60 days elapse after the
2 person attains age 18, whichever occurs first.

3 **SECTION 62.** 75.43 of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **75.43 Election to receive deposit; costs.** The county may, at any time
5 within 20 days after receiving an answer showing that a deposit has been made by
6 any defendant or defendants as provided in s. 75.42, give notice to such defendant
7 or defendants that it elects to receive such deposit and that it will, at a time specified
8 in such notice, apply to the clerk of the circuit court, circuit judge or a circuit court
9 commissioner to adjust the costs and disbursements which said defendant or
10 defendants ought to pay, and that upon the payment of the costs and disbursements
11 so adjudged the county will release to such defendant or defendants all right, title
12 and claim which it has to the parcel or parcels of land on account of which ~~such~~ the
13 deposit is made by virtue of any deed made for the nonpayment of taxes; and unless
14 ~~such~~ the costs are paid within 20 days after the same shall have been so adjusted the
15 clerk of the court shall, upon presentation of an affidavit showing the nonpayment
16 thereof, enter judgment therefor in favor of the county and against the defendant,
17 which shall be enforced as other money judgments.

18 **SECTION 63.** 101.02 (5) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 101.02 (5) (c) In the discharge of his or her duties such agent shall have every
20 power of an inquisitorial nature granted in this subchapter to the department, the
21 same powers as a supplemental court commissioner with regard to the taking of
22 depositions and all powers granted by law to a supplemental court commissioner
23 relative to depositions.

24 **SECTION 64.** 103.005 (5) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 103.005 (5) (c) In the discharge of his or her duties such agent shall have every
2 power of an inquisitorial nature granted in chs. 103 to 106 to the department, the
3 same powers as a supplemental court commissioner with regard to the taking of
4 depositions and all powers granted by law to a supplemental court commissioner
5 relative to depositions.

6 **SECTION 65.** 133.10 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 133.10 (1) The examination of any party, or if a corporation or limited liability
8 company be a party, of the president, secretary, other principal officer or the general
9 managing agent thereof, or of the person who was such president, secretary, officer
10 or agent at the time of the occurrence of the facts made the subject of the
11 examination, or of any person acting for another or for a corporation, limited liability
12 company or partnership, other than as a witness on a trial, may be taken by
13 deposition at the instance of the department of justice in any such action or
14 proceeding at any time between the commencement thereof and final judgment.
15 Such deposition shall be taken within the state before a judge at chambers or a
16 supplemental court commissioner on previous notice to such party and any other
17 adverse party or the attorney thereof of at least 5 days, and may be taken without
18 the state.

19 **SECTION 66.** 133.11 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 133.11 (1) Whenever the attorney general files with any supplemental court
21 commissioner a statement that the attorney general has reason to believe and does
22 believe that a violation of this chapter has occurred, the commissioner shall issue a
23 subpoena or a subpoena requiring the production of materials as requested by the
24 department of justice. Mileage or witness fees are not required to be paid in advance
25 but claims for such mileage and fees duly verified and approved by the department

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1 of justice shall be audited and paid out of the state treasury and charged to the
2 appropriation provided by s. 20.455 (1) (d), and shall be at the same rates as
3 witnesses in the circuit court.

4 **SECTION 67.** 133.11 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 133.11 (3) The supplemental court commissioner shall be entitled to the fees
6 as provided in s. 814.68 (1). All such fees and all other costs and expenses incident
7 to the inquiry shall be paid out of the appropriation provided by s. 20.455 (1) (d).

8 **SECTION 68.** 171.04 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 171.04 (1) If any property delivered to any forwarding merchant, wharfinger
10 or warehouse keeper, for carriage or storage, is in a state of decay or manifestly liable
11 to immediate damage and decay, the person in whose custody the property is, the
12 person's agent or attorney, may make an affidavit of this fact, and present the
13 affidavit to a circuit judge or supplemental court commissioner for the county in
14 which the property is located, and the circuit judge or supplemental court
15 commissioner shall immediately make an order requiring the sheriff or any
16 constable of the county to immediately inspect the property, and directing him or her,
17 if it is found to be in a state of decay or manifestly liable to immediate damage or
18 decay, to summarily sell the property without notice.

19 **SECTION 69.** 171.04 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 171.04 (2) If the sheriff or constable, upon inspection, finds the property to be
21 in a state of decay, or manifestly liable to immediate damage or decay, the sheriff or
22 constable shall attach to the order his or her affidavit stating such fact, and shall
23 make an inventory of the property, and shall summarily sell the property without
24 notice, and shall make full return of the sheriff's or constable's execution of the order
25 to the judge or supplemental court commissioner who issued the same, together with

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1 the sheriff's or constable's affidavit, inventory and the proceeds of said sale, after
2 deducting the sheriff's or constable's fees therefrom.

3 **SECTION 70.** 171.04 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 171.04 (3) From the proceeds of such sale, the judge or supplemental court
5 commissioner shall pay all legal charges that have been incurred in relation to the
6 property, or a ratable proportion of each charge if the proceeds of the sale are not
7 sufficient to pay all the charges; and the balance, if any, the judge or supplemental
8 court commissioner shall immediately pay over to the treasurer of the judge's or
9 commissioner's county, with a copy of all the proceedings in the matter. The county
10 treasurer shall file the copy in his or her office.

11 **SECTION 71.** 171.05 of the statutes is amended to read:

12 **171.05 Perishable property, held otherwise, how disposed of.** If any
13 property is perishable or subject to decay by keeping, the person in whose custody
14 the property is, the person's agent or attorney, may make an affidavit of this fact and
15 present the affidavit to a circuit judge or supplemental court commissioner for the
16 county in which the property is located, and the judge or supplemental court
17 commissioner shall immediately make an order requiring the sheriff or any
18 constable of the county to immediately inspect the property, and if it is found to be
19 perishable or subject to decay by keeping, to make and return an affidavit of this fact.
20 Upon the return of this affidavit, the judge or supplemental court commissioner
21 making the order shall immediately issue an order requiring the sheriff or constable
22 to sell the property at public auction, giving notice of the time and place of the sale
23 by publication of a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, and serving upon the consignor, the
24 consignee and the custodian of the property, if they are known, a copy of the notice
25 by mail. The sheriff or constable shall, at the time and place fixed by the notice,

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1 unless the property has been otherwise lawfully disposed of, sell the property at
2 public auction, and shall make full return of his or her execution of the order, and
3 return the same with an inventory of the property and the proceeds of the sale, after
4 deducting his or her fees, to the judge or supplemental court commissioner making
5 the order. From the proceeds of the sale, the judge or supplemental court
6 commissioner shall pay all legal charges that have been incurred in relation to the
7 property, or a ratable proportion of each charge, if the proceeds of the sale are not
8 sufficient to pay all the charges; and the balance, if any, the judge or supplemental
9 court commissioner shall immediately pay over to the treasurer of the county, with
10 a copy of all the proceedings in the matter. The county treasurer shall file the copy
11 in his or her office. The person in whose custody the property is when the proceedings
12 for the sale were commenced, shall immediately notify the consignor and consignee
13 of the sale, in writing which shall be served by leaving a copy with the consignor and
14 consignee personally or by mail.

15 **SECTION 72.** 171.06 of the statutes is amended to read:

16 **171.06 Unclaimed property, how disposed of.** When any property is not
17 perishable or subject to decay and is not claimed and taken away within one year
18 after it was received, it may be sold as follows: The person in whose custody the
19 property is, or the person's agent or attorney, may make an affidavit of the facts and
20 present the same to a judge or supplemental court commissioner of the county in
21 which the property is located and such judge or supplemental court commissioner
22 shall immediately issue an order requiring the sheriff or any constable of the county
23 to sell the property at public auction, giving 60 days' notice of the time and place of
24 the sale to the consignor, the consignee and the custodian of the property. This notice
25 shall be in writing and served personally or by mail upon the persons whose names

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1 and residences are known. If the name or residence of any of the persons is unknown
2 and cannot be ascertained with reasonable diligence, the sheriff or constable shall
3 make an affidavit of this fact and shall publish a class 3 notice, under ch. 985, in the
4 county. At the time and place of the sale the sheriff or constable shall sell the property
5 at public auction and shall make a full return of the sheriff's or constable's
6 proceedings under the order to the judge or supplemental court commissioner
7 issuing the order, together with proof of service or publication of the notice of the sale,
8 and an inventory of the property sold and the proceeds of the sale after deducting the
9 sheriff's or constable's fees. From the proceeds of the sale the judge or supplemental
10 court commissioner shall pay all legal charges that have been incurred in relation
11 to the property, including the charges of the person in whose custody the property
12 was when the proceedings were begun, or a ratable proportion of each charge if the
13 proceeds of the sale are not sufficient to pay all of the charges; ~~and the balance, if any,~~
14 ~~the.~~ The judge or supplemental court commissioner shall immediately pay any
15 balance remaining over to the treasurer of his or her county, with a copy of all
16 proceedings in the matter. The county treasurer shall file the copy in his or her office.
17 The person in whose custody the property is when any proceeding for the sale is
18 commenced, shall immediately notify the consignor and consignee of the sale, in
19 writing, and served by leaving a copy thereof with the consignor and consignee,
20 personally or by mail.

21 **SECTION 73.** 196.24 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 196.24 **(2)** In the discharge of his or her duties, an agent appointed under sub.
23 (1) shall have any inquisitional power granted to the commission and the power of
24 a supplemental court commissioner to take depositions under s. ~~757.69 (3)~~ 757.675
25 (2) (b).

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1 **SECTION 74.** 196.675 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 196.675 **(3)** This section does not apply to circuit or supplemental court
3 commissioners.

4 **SECTION 75.** 563.71 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 563.71 **(1)** (a) Whenever the attorney general files with a circuit or
6 supplemental court commissioner a statement that the attorney general believes
7 that a violation of this chapter has occurred, the commissioner shall issue a subpoena
8 for any person requested or named by the attorney general. Mileage and witness fees
9 need not be paid in advance, but only verified claims for mileage and fees which are
10 approved by the attorney general shall be paid out of the state treasury and charged
11 to the appropriation under s. 20.455 (1) (d) and shall be the same rates as those paid
12 witnesses in circuit court.

13 **SECTION 76.** 563.71 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 563.71 **(1)** (c) The supplemental court commissioner shall be entitled to the fees
15 under s. 814.68 (1). All such fees and all other costs and expenses incident to such
16 inquiry shall be paid out of the appropriation under s. 20.455 (1) (d).

17 **SECTION 77.** 753.175 of the statutes is repealed.

18 **SECTION 78.** 757.001 of the statutes is created to read:

19 **757.001 Definitions.** In this chapter:

20 **(1)** “Circuit court commissioner” means a person appointed under SCR 75.02
21 (1) and a supplemental court commissioner authorized under SCR 75.02 (3) to the
22 limited extent of that authorization.

23 **(2)** “Supplemental court commissioner” means a person appointed under s.
24 757.675 (1).

25 **SECTION 79.** 757.01 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 757.01 (4) To exercise any of the powers and duties of a circuit court
2 commissioner.

3 **SECTION 80.** 757.23 of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **757.23 Court commissioner, when disqualified.** A municipal court
5 ~~commissioner, a, circuit, or supplemental~~ court commissioner, or any judge acting as
6 a court commissioner, shall not act or take part in the decision of, or make any order
7 in any matter or proceeding in which he or she is a party, or in which his or her rights
8 would be in any manner affected by his or her decision or order thereon, or in which
9 he or she is interested, or in which his or her law partner, or any person connected
10 with him or her as employer, employee or clerk, or in the law business in any manner,
11 shall be interested or appear as a party, agent, attorney or counsel. Any municipal
12 ~~court commissioner, circuit, or supplemental~~ court commissioner or judge, acting as
13 a court commissioner, violating this section shall forfeit \$25 for each violation, and
14 shall also be subject to removal from office.

15 **SECTION 81.** 757.24 of the statutes is amended to read:

16 **757.24 Liability of judicial officers.** Circuit judges and circuit and
17 supplemental court commissioners shall be held personally liable to any party
18 injured for any wilfull willful violation of the law in granting injunctions and
19 appointing receivers, or for refusing to hear motions to dissolve injunctions and to
20 discharge receivers if the motions are made in accordance with law or such rules as
21 are promulgated by the supreme court.

22 **SECTION 82.** 757.30 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 757.30 (2) Every person who appears as agent, representative or attorney, for
24 or on behalf of any other person, or any firm, partnership, association or corporation
25 in any action or proceeding in or before any court of record, circuit or supplemental

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1 court commissioner, or judicial tribunal of the United States, or of any state, or who
2 otherwise, in or out of court, for compensation or pecuniary reward gives professional
3 legal advice not incidental to his or her usual or ordinary business, or renders any
4 legal service for any other person, or any firm, partnership, association or
5 corporation, shall be deemed to be practicing law within the meaning of this section.

6 **SECTION 83.** 757.675 (title) of the statutes is created to read:

7 **757.675 (title) Supplemental court commissioners.**

8 **SECTION 84.** 757.68 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 **757.68 (title) Court Circuit court commissioners.**

10 **SECTION 85.** 757.68 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

11 757.68 (1) Subject to subs. (2m) to (5m), in every county organized for judicial
12 purposes, the county board shall establish the number of circuit court commissioner
13 positions necessary for the efficient administration of judicial business within the
14 circuit courts of the county. The circuit court commissioners may be employed on a
15 full-time or part-time basis. Chapter 75 of the supreme court rules shall govern the
16 qualifications for, and appointment, supervision, training, evaluation, and discipline
17 of, circuit court commissioners. Any person qualified and acting as a judicial court
18 commissioner on August 1, 1978, shall be considered a circuit court commissioner
19 and shall continue in the classified county civil service but any person appointed as
20 a court commissioner after August 1, 1978, shall be in the unclassified civil service.
21 Each circuit court commissioner shall take and file the official oath in the office of
22 the clerk of the circuit court of the county for which appointed before performing any
23 duty of the office.

24 **SECTION 86.** 757.68 (2) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

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1 **SECTION 87.** 757.68 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 757.675 (1) and amended
2 to read:

3 757.675 (1) In each county the circuit judges shall appoint such number of
4 ~~part-time~~ supplemental court commissioners as the proper transaction of business
5 requires ~~subject to the following exception:, except that~~ in counties having a
6 population of 200,000 or more each judge may appoint not more than 2 ~~such~~
7 supplemental court commissioners and in counties having a population of less than
8 200,000 each judge shall, as nearly as possible, appoint an equal number of
9 supplemental court commissioners within the county. In all counties the
10 appointments shall be subject to the approval of a majority of the circuit judges for
11 the county. Appointments shall be in writing and shall be filed in the office of the
12 clerk of the circuit court. All supplemental court commissioners appointed after May
13 16, 1978, ~~other than official court reporters acting under s. 814.68 (1) (b) performing~~
14 ~~duties or exercising powers specified for court reporters,~~ shall be attorneys licensed
15 to practice in this state. The appointing judge may remove, at will and without cause,
16 any supplemental court commissioner appointed by the judge or the judge's
17 predecessor in office. Unless he or she is so removed, the term of each supplemental
18 court commissioner shall continue until the expiration of the term of the appointing
19 judge and until the successor of the commissioner is appointed and qualified. Each
20 supplemental court commissioner shall take and file the official oath in the office of
21 clerk of the circuit court of the county for which appointed before performing any
22 duty of the office.

23 **SECTION 88.** 757.68 (3), (4) and (5) (title) of the statutes are repealed.

24 **SECTION 89.** 757.68 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 757.675 (6) and amended
25 to read:

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1 757.675 ~~(6)~~ Part-time Supplemental court commissioners appointed under
2 sub. ~~(2)~~ (1) shall collect the fees prescribed in s. 814.68 (1).

3 **SECTION 90.** 757.68 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:

4 757.68 **(5m)** In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the county
5 board shall establish at least one circuit court commissioner position on a full-time
6 basis to assist in small claims matters under ch. 799. In counties having a population
7 of less than 500,000, the county board may establish one or more circuit court
8 commissioner positions on a part-time or full-time basis to assist in small claims
9 matters under ch. 799.

10 **SECTION 91.** 757.68 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

11 757.68 **(6)** The county board shall set the salary of persons appointed as circuit
12 court commissioners. The county board shall furnish circuit court commissioners
13 with necessary office space, furnishings, supplies, and services.

14 **SECTION 92.** 757.68 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

15 757.68 **(7)** The chief judge of the judicial administrative district may assign law
16 clerks, bailiffs, and deputies to a circuit court commissioner. The chief judge shall
17 supervise those law clerks, bailiffs, and deputies assigned to the court, except that
18 the chief judge may delegate that authority.

19 **SECTION 93.** 757.69 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **757.69** (title) **Powers and duties of circuit court commissioners.**

21 **SECTION 94.** 757.69 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

22 757.69 **(1)** (intro.) A circuit court commissioner may:

23 **SECTION 95.** 757.69 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 757.69 **(1)** (b) In criminal matters issue summonses, arrest warrants or search
25 warrants and, determine probable cause to support a warrantless arrest, conduct

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1 initial appearances of persons arrested and, set bail to the same extent as a judge.
2 At the initial appearance, the court commissioner shall, when necessary, inform the
3 defendant in accordance with s. 970.02 (1). ~~If the defendant appears or claims to be~~
4 ~~unable to afford counsel, the court commissioner, in accordance with s. 970.02 (6),~~
5 ~~may, and~~ refer the person to the authority for indigency determinations specified
6 under s. 977.07 (1). ~~If the court commissioner is a full-time~~ A circuit court
7 ~~commissioner, he or she~~ employed on a full-time basis may conduct the preliminary
8 examination and arraignment ~~to the same extent as a judge~~ and, with the consent
9 of both the state and the defendant, may accept a guilty plea. If a court refers a
10 disputed restitution issue under s. 973.20 (13) (c) 4., the circuit court commissioner
11 shall conduct the hearing on the matter in accordance with s. 973.20 (13) (c) 4.

12 **SECTION 96.** 757.69 (1) (g) of the statutes is renumbered 757.69 (1) (g) (intro.)
13 and amended to read:

14 757.69 (1) (g) (intro.) When assigned to the assist a court assigned jurisdiction
15 ~~under chs. 48 and 938, a court commissioner may, under ch. 48 or 938, issue in~~
16 juvenile matters:

17 1. Issue summonses and warrants, order.

18 2. Order the release or detention of children or expectant mothers of unborn
19 children taken into custody, ~~conduct.~~

20 3. Conduct detention and shelter care hearings, ~~conduct.~~

21 4. Conduct preliminary appearances, ~~conduct.~~

22 5. Conduct uncontested proceedings under ~~ss. s.~~ s. 48.13, 48.133, 938.12, 938.13
23 ~~and, or 938.18, enter.~~

24 6. Enter into consent decrees ~~and exercise.~~

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1 7. Exercise the powers and perform the duties specified in par. (j) or (m),
2 whichever is applicable, in proceedings under s. 813.122 or 813.125 in which the
3 respondent is a child. ~~Contested waiver hearings under s. 938.18 and dispositional~~
4 ~~hearings under ss. 48.335 and 938.335 shall be conducted by a judge. When acting~~
5 ~~in an official capacity and assigned to the children's court center, a court~~
6 ~~commissioner shall sit at the children's court center or such other facility designated~~
7 ~~by the chief judge. Any decision by the commissioner shall be reviewed by the judge~~
8 ~~of the branch of court to which the case has been assigned, upon motion of any party.~~
9 ~~Any determination, order or ruling by the commissioner may be certified to the~~
10 ~~branch of court to which such case has been assigned upon a motion of any party for~~
11 ~~a hearing de novo.~~

12 **SECTION 97.** 757.69 (1) (g) 8. to 13. of the statutes are created to read:

13 757.69 (1) (g) 8. Conduct hearings under s. 48.21 or 938.21 and thereafter order
14 a child or juvenile held in or released from custody.

15 9. Conduct hearings under s. 48.213 and thereafter order an adult expectant
16 mother of an unborn child to be held in or released from custody.

17 10. Conduct plea hearings.

18 11. Conduct prehearing conferences.

19 12. Issue orders requiring compliance with deferred prosecution agreements.

20 13. Conduct all proceedings on petitions or citations under s. 938.125.

21 **SECTION 98.** 757.69 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 757.69 (1) (j) Hold hearings, make findings and issue temporary restraining
23 orders under s. 813.122 or 813.123.

24 **SECTION 99.** 757.69 (1) (k) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

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1 757.69 (1) (k) Administer oaths, take, certify, and report depositions and
2 testimony, take and certify acknowledgments, allow accounts, and fix the amount
3 and approve the sufficiency of bonds.

4 **SECTION 100.** 757.69 (1) (m) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 757.69 (1) (m) Hold hearings, make findings, and issue temporary restraining
6 orders and injunctions under s. 813.12 or 813.125.

7 **SECTION 101.** 757.69 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

8 757.69 (1m) Circuit court commissioners assigned to assist a court in juvenile
9 matters shall sit at the children’s court center, the usual court facility for juvenile
10 matters, or such other facility designated by the chief judge of the judicial
11 administrative district. Those commissioners may not do any of the following:

12 (a) Conduct fact-finding or dispositional hearings except on petitions or
13 citations under s. 938.125 and except as provided in sub. (1) (g) 5.

14 (b) Make dispositions other than approving consent decrees, ordering
15 compliance with deferred prosecution agreements and ordering dispositions in
16 uncontested proceedings under s. 48.13, 48.133, 938.12, or 938.13.

17 (c) Conduct hearings for the termination of parental rights or for adoptions.

18 (d) Make changes in placements of children, of juveniles, or of the expectant
19 mothers of unborn children, or revisions or extensions of dispositional orders, except
20 pursuant to petitions or citations under s. 938.125 and in uncontested proceedings
21 under s. 48.13, 48.133, 938.12, or 938.13.

22 (e) Conduct hearings, make findings, or issue orders in proceedings under s.
23 48.977 or 48.978.

24 (f) Conduct waiver hearings under s. 938.18, except as provided in sub. (1) (g)
25 5.

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1 (g) Make any dispositional order under s. 938.34 (4d), (4h), or (4m).

2 **SECTION 102.** 757.69 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 757.69 (2) (intro.) A judge may refer to a circuit court commissioner appointed
4 under s. ~~48.065, 757.68, 757.72, 767.13 or 938.065~~ cases in which:

5 **SECTION 103.** 757.69 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 757.69 (2) (a) The trial of an issue of fact requires the examination of an
7 account, in which case the circuit court commissioner may be directed to report upon
8 any specific question of fact involved therein.

9 **SECTION 104.** 757.69 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

10 757.69 (2m) Circuit court commissioners may exercise, under their own
11 authority, all of the powers listed under s. 757.675 (2) to (5).

12 **SECTION 105.** 757.69 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 757.675 (2), and 757.675
13 (2) (intro.) and (g), as renumbered, are amended to read:

14 757.675 (2) (intro.) ~~Court~~ Supplemental court commissioners appointed under
15 s. ~~48.065, 757.68, 757.72, 767.13 or 938.065~~ may, under their own authority:

16 (g) Except as provided in s. ~~767.13 (5) (e)~~ 757.69 (1) (p) 3., conduct a paternity
17 proceeding according to the procedures set out in ch. 767 whenever a circuit court
18 commissioner is specifically authorized to do so.

19 **SECTION 106.** 757.69 (4) and (5) of the statutes are renumbered 757.675 (3) and
20 (4) and amended to read:

21 757.675 (3) In addition to the duties expressly set forth in sub. ~~(3)~~ (2) (a) to ~~(e)~~
22 (i), a supplemental court commissioner may perform other ministerial duties as
23 required by a court.

24 **(4)** A supplemental court commissioner may transfer to a court any matter in
25 which it appears that justice would be better served by such a transfer.

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1 **SECTION 107.** 757.69 (6) of the statutes is repealed.

2 **SECTION 108.** 757.69 (7) of the statutes is renumbered 757.675 (5) and amended
3 to read:

4 757.675 (5) A supplemental court commissioner shall refer to a court of record
5 for appropriate action every alleged showing of contempt in the carrying out of the
6 lawful decisions of the supplemental court commissioner.

7 **SECTION 109.** 757.69 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

8 757.69 (8) Any decision of a circuit court commissioner shall be reviewed by the
9 judge of the branch of court to which the case has been assigned, upon motion of any
10 party. Any determination, order, or ruling by a circuit court commissioner may be
11 certified to the branch of court to which the case has been assigned, upon a motion
12 of any party for a hearing de novo.

13 **SECTION 110.** 757.695 of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 111.** 757.70 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 757.70 (2) All hearings before a circuit or supplemental court commissioner
16 shall be held in the county courthouse or other court facilities provided by law. This
17 provision does not apply to nontestimonial proceedings, supplementary hearings on
18 the present financial status of a debtor under s. ~~757.69 (3)~~ 757.675 (2) (h) or
19 depositions taken before a circuit or supplemental court commissioner.

20 **SECTION 112.** 757.72 (title) of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 113.** 757.72 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 757.68 (4m) and
22 amended to read:

23 757.68 (4m) In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, there is
24 created in the classified civil service a circuit court commissioner position to
25 supervise the office of probate court commissioner and to assist the court in probate

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1 matters. In counties having a population of at least 100,000 but not more than
2 500,000, the county board may create a circuit court commissioner position to
3 supervise the office of probate court commissioner ~~which~~ and to assist in probate
4 matters. That position may be in the classified civil service. If the chief judge
5 delegates that authority to a judge assigned to probate jurisdiction, that judge may
6 assign to the circuit court commissioner any matters over which the judge has
7 jurisdiction, and the circuit court commissioner may determine such matters and
8 may sign any order or certificate required by that determination.

9 **SECTION 114.** 757.72 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

10 **SECTION 115.** 757.72 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

11 **SECTION 116.** 757.72 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

12 **SECTION 117.** 757.72 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 851.73 (1) (g) and
13 amended to read:

14 851.73 (1) (g) ~~The register in probate of a county shall~~ Shall have the duties and
15 powers of a circuit court commissioner assigned to assist in probate matters and shall
16 act in that capacity when designated to do so by a judge assigned probate jurisdiction.

17 **SECTION 118.** 757.72 (6) of the statutes is repealed.

18 **SECTION 119.** 757.72 (7) of the statutes is repealed.

19 **SECTION 120.** 757.72 (8) of the statutes is repealed.

20 **SECTION 121.** 757.81 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 122.** 757.81 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 757.81 (6) “Permanent disability” means a physical or mental incapacity which
23 impairs the ability of a judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner to
24 substantially perform the duties of his or her judicial office and which is or is likely
25 to be of a permanent or continuing nature.

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1 **SECTION 123.** 757.85 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 757.85 **(1)** (a) The commission shall investigate any possible misconduct or
3 permanent disability of a judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner.
4 Misconduct constitutes cause under article VII, section 11, of the constitution.
5 Except as provided in par. (b), judges, circuit or supplemental court commissioners,
6 clerks, court reporters, court employes and attorneys shall comply with requests by
7 the commission for information, documents and other materials relating to an
8 investigation under this section.

9 **SECTION 124.** 757.85 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 757.85 **(1)** (b) The judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner who is
11 under investigation is not subject to the request procedure under par. (a) but is
12 subject to the subpoena procedure under sub. (2).

13 **SECTION 125.** 757.85 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 757.85 **(3)** The commission may notify a judge or circuit or supplemental court
15 commissioner that the commission is investigating possible misconduct by or
16 permanent disability of the judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner.
17 Before finding probable cause, the commission shall notify the judge or circuit or
18 supplemental court commissioner of the substance of the complaint or petition and
19 afford the judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner a reasonable
20 opportunity to respond. If the judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner
21 responds, the commission shall consider the response before it finds probable cause.

22 **SECTION 126.** 757.85 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 757.85 **(4)** The commission may require a judge or circuit or supplemental court
24 commissioner who is under investigation for permanent disability to submit to a
25 medical examination arranged by the commission.

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1 **SECTION 127.** 757.85 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 757.85 (5) The commission shall, upon a finding of probable cause that a judge
3 or circuit or supplemental court commissioner has engaged or is engaging in
4 misconduct, file a formal complaint with the supreme court. Upon a finding of
5 probable cause that a judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner has a
6 permanent disability, the commission shall file a petition with the supreme court.
7 If the commission requests a jury under s. 757.87 (1), the request shall be attached
8 to the formal complaint or the petition.

9 **SECTION 128.** 757.87 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 757.87 (1) After the commission has found probable cause that a judge or
11 circuit or supplemental court commissioner has engaged in misconduct or has a
12 permanent disability, and before the commission files a formal complaint or a
13 petition under s. 757.85 (5), the commission may, by a majority of its total
14 membership not disqualified from voting, request a jury hearing. If a jury is not
15 requested, the matter shall be heard by a panel constituted under sub. (3). The vote
16 of each member on the question of a jury request shall be recorded and shall be
17 available for public inspection under s. 19.35 after the formal complaint or the
18 petition is filed.

19 **SECTION 129.** 757.89 of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **757.89 Hearing.** A record shall be kept of any hearing on a formal complaint
21 or a petition. The allegations of the complaint or petition must be proven to a
22 reasonable certainty by evidence that is clear, satisfactory and convincing. The
23 hearing shall be held in the county where the judge or circuit or supplemental court
24 commissioner resides unless the presiding judge changes venue for cause shown or
25 unless the parties otherwise agree. If the hearing is by a panel, the panel shall make

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1 findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations regarding appropriate
2 discipline for misconduct or appropriate action for permanent disability and file the
3 findings, conclusions and recommendations with the supreme court. If a jury
4 hearing is requested under s. 757.87 (1), the presiding judge shall instruct the jury
5 regarding the law applicable to judicial misconduct or permanent disability, as
6 appropriate. The presiding judge shall file the jury verdict and his or her
7 recommendations regarding appropriate discipline for misconduct or appropriate
8 action for permanent disability with the supreme court.

9 **SECTION 130.** 757.93 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 757.93 (1) (a) All proceedings under ss. 757.81 to 757.99 relating to misconduct
11 or permanent disability prior to the filing of a petition or formal complaint by the
12 commission are confidential unless a judge or circuit or supplemental court
13 commissioner waives the right to confidentiality in writing to the commission. Any
14 such waiver does not affect the confidentiality of the identity of a person providing
15 information under par. (b).

16 **SECTION 131.** 757.93 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 757.93 (1) (b) Any person who provides information to the commission
18 concerning possible misconduct or permanent disability may request that the
19 commission not disclose his or her identity to the judge or circuit or supplemental
20 court commissioner prior to the filing of a petition or a formal complaint by the
21 commission.

22 **SECTION 132.** 757.93 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 757.93 (2) If prior to the filing of a formal complaint or a petition an
24 investigation of possible misconduct or permanent disability becomes known to the
25 public, the commission may issue statements in order to confirm the pendency of the

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1 investigation, to clarify the procedural aspects of the disciplinary proceedings, to
2 explain the right of the judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner to a fair
3 hearing without prejudgment, to state that the judge or circuit or supplemental court
4 commissioner denies the allegations, to state that an investigation has been
5 completed and no probable cause was found or to correct public misinformation.

6 **SECTION 133.** 757.93 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 757.93 (4) (a) Referring to the director of state courts information relating to
8 an alleged delay or an alleged temporary disability of a judge or circuit or
9 supplemental court commissioner.

10 **SECTION 134.** 757.95 of the statutes is amended to read:

11 **757.95 Temporary suspension by supreme court.** The supreme court may,
12 following the filing of a formal complaint or a petition by the commission, prohibit
13 a judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner from exercising the powers of
14 a judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner pending final determination
15 of the proceedings.

16 **SECTION 135.** 757.99 of the statutes is amended to read:

17 **757.99 Attorney fees.** A judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner
18 against whom a petition alleging permanent disability is filed by the commission
19 shall be reimbursed for reasonable attorney fees if the judge or circuit or
20 supplemental court commissioner is found not to have a permanent disability. A
21 judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner against whom a formal
22 complaint alleging misconduct is filed by the commission and who is found not to
23 have engaged in misconduct may be reimbursed for reasonable attorney fees. Any
24 judge or circuit or supplemental court commissioner seeking recovery of attorney

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1 fees authorized or required under this section shall file a claim with the claims board
2 under s. 16.53.

3 **SECTION 136.** 765.11 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 765.11 (1) If any parent, grandparent, child, or natural guardian of a minor
5 applicant for a marriage license, any brother, sister or guardian of either of the
6 applicants for a marriage license, either of the applicants, the district attorney or ~~the~~
7 ~~family~~ a circuit court commissioner believes that the statements of the application
8 are false or insufficient, or that the applicants or either of them are incompetent to
9 marry, that person may file with the court having probate jurisdiction in the county
10 in which the marriage license is applied for, a petition under oath, setting forth the
11 grounds of objection to the marriage and asking for an order requiring the parties
12 making such application to show cause why the marriage license should not be
13 refused. Whereupon, the court, if satisfied that the grounds of objection are prima
14 facie valid, shall issue an order to show cause as aforesaid, returnable as the court
15 directs, but not more than 14 days after the date of the order, which shall be served
16 forthwith upon the applicants for the marriage license residing in the state, and upon
17 the clerk before whom the application has been made, and shall operate as a stay
18 upon the issuance of the marriage license until further ordered; if either or both of
19 the applicants are nonresidents of the state the order shall be served forthwith upon
20 the nonresident by publication of a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, in the county
21 wherein the application is pending, and by mailing a copy thereof to the nonresident
22 at the address contained in the application.

23 **SECTION 137.** 765.11 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 765.11 (2) If, upon hearing, the court finds that the statements in the
25 application are ~~wilfully~~ willfully false or insufficient, or that either or both of said

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1 parties are not competent in law to marry, the court shall make an order refusing the
2 marriage license, and shall immediately report such matter to the district attorney.
3 If said falseness or insufficiency is due merely to inadvertence, then the court shall
4 permit the parties to amend the application so as to make the statements therein
5 true and sufficient, and upon application being so amended, the marriage license
6 shall be issued. If any party is unable to supply any of the information required in
7 the application, the court may, if satisfied that such inability is not due to ~~wilfulness~~
8 willfulness or negligence, order the marriage license to be issued notwithstanding
9 such insufficiency. The costs and disbursements of the proceedings under this
10 section shall rest in the discretion of the court, but none shall be taxed against any
11 district attorney or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner acting in good faith.

12 **SECTION 138.** 765.16 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 765.16 (5) Any ~~family court commissioner appointed under s. 767.13 or circuit~~
14 court commissioner appointed under SCR 75.02 (1) or supplemental court
15 commissioner appointed under s. 757.68 757.675 (1).

16 **SECTION 139.** 767.045 (1) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 767.045 (1) (c) (intro.) The attorney responsible for support enforcement under
18 s. 59.53 (6) (a) may request that the court or ~~family~~ a circuit court commissioner
19 appoint a guardian ad litem to bring an action or motion on behalf of a minor who
20 is a nonmarital child whose paternity has not been acknowledged under s. 767.62 (1)
21 or a substantially similar law of another state or adjudicated for the purpose of
22 determining the paternity of the child, and the court or ~~family~~ circuit court
23 commissioner shall appoint a guardian ad litem, if any of the following applies:

24 **SECTION 140.** 767.081 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

25 **767.081 (title) Information from the office of family court commissioner.**

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1 **SECTION 141.** 767.081 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 767.081 (1) Upon the filing of an action affecting the family, the office of family
3 court commissioner shall inform the parties of any services, including referral
4 services, offered by the office of family court commissioner and by the director of
5 family court counseling services under s. 767.11.

6 **SECTION 142.** 767.081 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 767.081 (2) (a) (intro.) The office of family court commissioner shall, with or
8 without charge, provide the party with written information on the following, as
9 appropriate to the action commenced:

10 **SECTION 143.** 767.081 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 767.081 (2) (b) The office of family court commissioner shall provide a party,
12 for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter
13 generally pertinent to the action.

14 **SECTION 144.** 767.083 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 767.083 (2) An order by the court, after consideration of the recommendation
16 of ~~the family~~ a circuit court commissioner, directing an immediate hearing on the
17 petition for the protection of the health or safety of either of the parties or of any child
18 of the marriage or for other emergency reasons consistent with the policies of this
19 chapter. The court shall upon granting such order specify the grounds therefor.

20 **SECTION 145.** 767.085 (1) (i) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 767.085 (1) (i) If the action is one under s. 767.02 (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), (h) or (i),
22 that during the pendency of the action, without the consent of the other party or an
23 order of the court or ~~family~~ a circuit court commissioner, the parties are prohibited
24 from, and may be held in contempt of court for, encumbering, concealing, damaging,
25 destroying, transferring or otherwise disposing of property owned by either or both

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1 of the parties, except in the usual course of business, in order to secure necessities
2 or in order to pay reasonable costs and expenses of the action, including attorney fees.

3 **SECTION 146.** 767.085 (1) (j) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 767.085 (1) (j) (intro.) Unless the action is one under s. 767.02 (1) (g) or (h), that
5 during the pendency of the action, the parties are prohibited from, and may be held
6 in contempt of court for, doing any of the following without the consent of the other
7 party or an order of the court or ~~family~~ a circuit court commissioner:

8 **SECTION 147.** 767.085 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 767.085 (3) SERVICE. If only one party initiates the action, the other shall be
10 served under ch. 801 and may serve a response or counterclaim within 20 days after
11 the date of service, except that questions of jurisdiction may be raised at any time
12 prior to judgment. Service shall be made upon the petitioner and upon the ~~family~~
13 circuit court commissioner as provided in s. 767.14, and the original copy of the
14 response shall be filed in court. If the parties together initiate the action with a joint
15 petition, service of summons is not required.

16 **SECTION 148.** 767.087 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 767.087 (1) (b) If the action is one under s. 767.02 (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), (h) or (i),
18 encumbering, concealing, damaging, destroying, transferring or otherwise disposing
19 of property owned by either or both of the parties, without the consent of the other
20 party or an order of the court or ~~family~~ a circuit court commissioner, except in the
21 usual course of business, in order to secure necessities or in order to pay reasonable
22 costs and expenses of the action, including attorney fees.

23 **SECTION 149.** 767.087 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 767.087 (1) (c) Unless the action is one under s. 767.02 (1) (g) or (h), without
25 the consent of the other party or an order of the court or ~~family~~ a circuit court

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1 commissioner, establishing a residence with a minor child of the parties outside the
2 state or more than 150 miles from the residence of the other party within the state,
3 removing a minor child of the parties from the state for more than 90 consecutive
4 days or concealing a minor child of the parties from the other party.

5 **SECTION 150.** 767.087 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 767.087 (2) The prohibitions under sub. (1) shall apply until the action is
7 dismissed, until a final judgment in the action is entered or until the court or family
8 a circuit court commissioner orders otherwise.

9 **SECTION 151.** 767.11 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 767.11 (1) (c) A county or counties may designate ~~a~~ the supervisor of the office
11 of family court commissioner as the director under par. (a) or (b).

12 **SECTION 152.** 767.11 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 767.11 (5) (a) In any action affecting the family, including a revision of
14 judgment or order under s. 767.32 or 767.325, in which it appears that legal custody
15 or physical placement is contested, the court or family circuit court commissioner
16 shall refer the parties to the director of family court counseling services for possible
17 mediation of those contested issues. The court or ~~the family~~ circuit court
18 commissioner shall inform the parties that the confidentiality of communications in
19 mediation is waived if the parties stipulate under sub. (14) (c) that the person who
20 provided mediation to the parties may also conduct the legal custody or physical
21 placement study under sub. (14).

22 **SECTION 153.** 767.11 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 767.11 (5) (b) If both parties to any action affecting the family wish to have joint
24 legal custody of a child, either party may request that the court or family circuit court
25 commissioner ~~to~~ refer the parties to the director of family court counseling services

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1 for assistance in resolving any problem relating to joint legal custody and physical
2 placement of the child. Upon request, the court shall so refer the parties.

3 **SECTION 154.** 767.11 (5) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 767.11 (5) (c) A person who is awarded periods of physical placement, a child
5 of such a person, a person with visitation rights or a person with physical custody of
6 a child may notify the family a circuit court commissioner of any problem he or she
7 has relating to any of these matters. Upon notification, the family circuit court
8 commissioner may refer any person involved in the matter to the director of family
9 court counseling services for assistance in resolving the problem.

10 **SECTION 155.** 767.11 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 767.11 (6) ACTION UPON REFERRAL. Whenever a court or family circuit court
12 commissioner refers a party to the director of family court counseling services for
13 possible mediation, the director shall assign a mediator to the case. The mediator
14 shall provide mediation if he or she determines it is appropriate. If the mediator
15 determines mediation is not appropriate, he or she shall so notify the court.
16 Whenever a court or family circuit court commissioner refers a party to the director
17 of family court counseling services for any other family court counseling service, the
18 director shall take appropriate action to provide the service.

19 **SECTION 156.** 767.11 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 767.11 (7) PRIVATE MEDIATOR. The parties to any action affecting the family may,
21 at their own expense, receive mediation services from a mediator other than one who
22 provides services under sub. (3). Parties who receive services from such a mediator
23 shall sign and file with the director of family court counseling services and with the
24 court or family circuit court commissioner a written notice stating the mediator's
25 name and the date of the first meeting with the mediator.

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1 **SECTION 157.** 767.11 (13) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 767.11 **(13)** POWERS OF COURT OR FAMILY CIRCUIT COURT COMMISSIONER. Except as
3 provided in sub. (8), referring parties to mediation under this section does not affect
4 the power of the court or ~~family~~ a circuit court commissioner to make any necessary
5 order relating to the parties during the course of the mediation.

6 **SECTION 158.** 767.115 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 767.115 **(1)** (a) At any time during the pendency of an action affecting the
8 family in which a minor child is involved and in which the court or ~~family~~ circuit court
9 commissioner determines that it is appropriate and in the best interest of the child,
10 the court or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner, on its own motion, may order the
11 parties to attend a program specified by the court or ~~family~~ circuit court
12 commissioner concerning the effects on a child of a dissolution of the marriage.

13 **SECTION 159.** 767.115 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 767.115 **(1)** (b) At any time during the pendency of an action to determine the
15 paternity of a child, or an action affecting the family for which the underlying action
16 was an action to determine the paternity of a child, if the court or ~~family~~ circuit court
17 commissioner determines that it is appropriate and in the best interest of the child,
18 the court or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner, on its own motion, may order either
19 or both of the parties to attend a program specified by the court or ~~family~~ circuit court
20 commissioner providing training in parenting or coparenting skills, or both.

21 **SECTION 160.** 767.115 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 767.115 **(1m)** A program under sub. (1) shall be educational rather than
23 therapeutic in nature and may not exceed a total of 4 hours in length. The parties
24 shall be responsible for the cost, if any, of attendance at the program. The court or
25 ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner may specifically assign responsibility for payment

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1 of any cost. No facts or information obtained in the course of the program, and no
2 report resulting from the program, is admissible in any action or proceeding.

3 **SECTION 161.** 767.115 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 767.115 (2) Notwithstanding s. 767.07, the court or family circuit court
5 commissioner may require the parties to attend a program under sub. (1) as a
6 condition to the granting of a final judgment or order in the action affecting the
7 family that is pending before the court or family circuit court commissioner.

8 **SECTION 162.** 767.115 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 767.115 (4) (a) At any time during the pendency of a divorce or paternity action,
10 the court or family circuit court commissioner may order the parties to attend a class
11 that is approved by the court or family circuit court commissioner and that addresses
12 such issues as child development, family dynamics, how parental separation affects
13 a child's development and what parents can do to make raising a child in a separated
14 situation less stressful for the child.

15 **SECTION 163.** 767.115 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 767.115 (4) (b) The court or family circuit court commissioner may not require
17 the parties to attend a class under this subsection as a condition to the granting of
18 the final judgment or order in the divorce or paternity action, however, the court or
19 family circuit court commissioner may refuse to hear a custody or physical placement
20 motion of a party who refuses to attend a class ordered under this subsection.

21 **SECTION 164.** 767.115 (4) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 767.115 (4) (c) 2. If the court or family circuit court commissioner finds that a
23 party is indigent, any costs that would be the responsibility of that party shall be paid
24 by the county.

25 **SECTION 165.** 767.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 767.12 (1) PROCEEDINGS. In actions affecting the family, all hearings and trials
2 to determine whether judgment shall be granted, except hearings under s. 767.13 (5)
3 757.69 (1) (p) 3., shall be before the court. The testimony shall be taken by the
4 reporter and shall be written out and filed with the record if so ordered by the court.
5 Custody proceedings shall receive priority in being set for hearing.

6 **SECTION 166.** 767.125 of the statutes is amended to read:

7 **767.125 Order for appearance of litigants.** Unless nonresidence in the
8 state is shown by competent evidence, service is by publication, or the court shall for
9 other good cause otherwise order, both parties in actions affecting the family shall
10 be required to appear upon the trial. An order of the court or ~~family~~ a circuit court
11 commissioner to that effect shall accordingly be procured by the moving party, and
12 shall be served upon the nonmoving party before the trial. In the case of a joint
13 petition the order is not required.

14 **SECTION 167.** 767.13 (title) of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 168.** 767.13 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 757.68 (2m) (a) and
16 amended to read:

17 757.68 (2m) (a) *Counties other than Milwaukee.* 1. ‘Appointment.’ In each
18 county, except in a county having a population of 500,000 or more, ~~the circuit judges~~
19 ~~for the county, subject to the approval of the chief judge of the judicial administrative~~
20 ~~district,~~ shall, by order filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court on or before
21 the first Monday of July of each year, appoint ~~some reputable attorney of recognized~~
22 ~~ability and standing at the bar as the~~ a circuit court commissioner to supervise the
23 office of family court commissioner for the county.

24 2. ‘Powers; civil service; oath; temporary appointment; assistants.’ The family
25 court commissioner, ~~by virtue of the office and to the extent required for the~~

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1 ~~performance of the duties, has the powers of a court commissioner. The circuit court~~
2 ~~commissioner appointed to supervise the office of family court commissioner is in~~
3 ~~addition to the maximum number of circuit court commissioners permitted by~~
4 ~~s.757.68 sub. (1). The circuit court commissioner supervising the office of the family~~
5 ~~court commissioner, or any assistant circuit court commissioner assisting in family~~
6 ~~matters, may be placed under a county civil service system by resolution of the county~~
7 ~~board. Before entering upon the discharge of the duties the family court~~
8 ~~commissioner shall take and file the official oath. The person appointed shall~~
9 ~~continue to act until a successor is appointed and qualified, except that in the event~~
10 ~~of disability or extended absence the judges may appoint another reputable attorney~~
11 ~~to act as temporary family court commissioner. The county board may provide that~~
12 ~~one or more assistant family court commissioners shall be appointed by the circuit~~
13 ~~judges for the county, subject to the approval of the chief judge of the judicial~~
14 ~~administrative district. An assistant family court commissioner shall have the same~~
15 ~~qualifications as the commissioner and shall take and file the official oath.~~

16 **SECTION 169.** 767.13 (2) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

17 **SECTION 170.** 767.13 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 757.68 (2m) (b) and
18 amended to read:

19 757.68 (2m) (b) *Appointment; assistants; civil service Milwaukee County.* In
20 counties having a population of 500,000 or more, there is created in the classified civil
21 service a circuit court commissioner position to supervise the office of family court
22 commissioner and such additional assistant family circuit court commissioners
23 commissioner positions as the county board shall determine and authorize, who
24 Circuit court commissioners shall be appointed from the membership of the bar

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1 ~~residing in the county~~ to these positions by the chief judge of the judicial
2 administrative district under ~~ss. 63.01 to 63.17~~ SCR 75.02 (1).

3 **SECTION 171.** 767.13 (2) (b), (3) and (4) of the statutes are repealed.

4 **SECTION 172.** 767.13 (5) (title) and (a) (title) of the statutes are repealed.

5 **SECTION 173.** 767.13 (5) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 757.69 (1) (p) (intro.)
6 and amended to read:

7 757.69 (1) (p) (intro.) ~~On authority delegated by a judge, which may be by a~~
8 ~~standard order, and with the approval of the chief judge of the judicial administrative~~
9 ~~district, a family court commissioner may preside~~ When assigned to assist in matters
10 affecting the family:

11 1. Preside at any hearing held to determine whether a judgment of divorce shall
12 be granted, if both parties state that the marriage is irretrievably broken and that
13 all material issues, including but not limited to division of property or estate, legal
14 custody, physical placement, child support, spousal maintenance and family
15 support, are resolved or if one party does not participate in the action for divorce. The
16 ~~family~~ A circuit court commissioner may grant and enter judgment in any action over
17 which he or she presides under this ~~paragraph~~ subdivision unless the judgment
18 modifies an agreement between the parties on material issues. If the ~~family~~ circuit
19 court commissioner does not approve an agreement between the parties on material
20 issues, the action shall be certified to the court for trial.

21 **SECTION 174.** 767.13 (5) (b) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 175.** 767.13 (5) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 757.69 (1) (p) 2. and
23 amended to read:

24 757.69 (1) (p) 2. ~~On authority delegated by a judge, which may be by a standard~~
25 ~~order, a family court commissioner may conduct~~ Conduct hearings and enter

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1 judgments in actions for enforcement of, or revision of judgment for, maintenance,
2 custody, physical placement or visitation.

3 **SECTION 176.** 767.13 (5) (c) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 177.** 767.13 (5) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 757.69 (1) (p) 3. and
5 amended to read:

6 757.69 (1) (p) 3. Except when ~~otherwise ordered by a judge, a family court~~
7 ~~commissioner may~~ prohibited by the chief judge of the judicial administrative
8 district, conduct hearings and enter orders and judgments in actions to establish
9 paternity, in actions to establish or enforce a child support or a family support
10 obligation and in actions to revise orders or judgments for child support or family
11 support.

12 **SECTION 178.** 767.13 (6) of the statutes is repealed.

13 **SECTION 179.** 767.13 (7) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 180.** 767.13 (7) of the statutes is renumbered 757.69 (2t) and amended
15 to read:

16 757.69 (2t) ~~Each family~~ A circuit court commissioner shall cooperate with the
17 county and the department to ensure that all dependent children receive reasonable
18 and necessary child support.

19 **SECTION 181.** 767.14 of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **767.14 Service on office of family court commissioner and appearance**
21 **by family circuit court commissioner.** In any action affecting the family, each
22 party shall, either within 20 days after making service on the opposite party of any
23 petition or pleading or before filing such petition or pleading in court, serve a copy
24 of the same upon the circuit court commissioner supervising the office of family court
25 commissioner of the county in which the action is begun, whether such action is

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1 contested or not. No judgment in any such action shall be granted unless this section
2 is complied with except when otherwise ordered by the court. ~~Such~~ A circuit court
3 commissioner assisting in matters affecting the family may appear in an action
4 under this chapter when appropriate; and shall appear when requested by the court.

5 **SECTION 182.** 767.145 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 767.145 (1) After the expiration of the period specified by the statute, the court
7 may in its discretion, upon petition and without notice, extend the time within which
8 service shall be made upon the circuit court commissioner supervising the office of
9 family court commissioner.

10 **SECTION 183.** 767.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 767.15 (1) In any action affecting the family in which either party is a recipient
12 of benefits under ss. 49.141 to 49.161 or aid under s. 46.261, 49.19 or 49.45, each party
13 shall, either within 20 days after making service on the opposite party of any motion
14 or pleading requesting the court or family circuit court commissioner to order, or to
15 modify a previous order, relating to child support, maintenance or family support, or
16 before filing the motion or pleading in court, serve a copy of the motion or pleading
17 upon the county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) of the county in which the
18 action is begun.

19 **SECTION 184.** 767.16 of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **767.16 Family Circuit court commissioner or law partner; when**
21 **interested; procedure.** Neither a family circuit court commissioner assisting in
22 matters affecting the family nor a partner may appear in any action affecting the
23 family in any court held in the county in which the family circuit court commissioner
24 is acting, except when authorized to appear by s. 767.14. In case the circuit court
25 commissioner or a partner shall be in any way interested in such action, the

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1 presiding judge shall appoint some reputable attorney to perform the services
2 enjoined upon such family the circuit court commissioner and such. The appointed
3 attorney, ~~so appointed~~, shall take and file the oath and receive the compensation
4 provided by law.

5 **SECTION 185.** 767.17 of the statutes is repealed.

6 **SECTION 186.** 767.23 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 767.23 (1) (intro.) Except as provided in ch. 822, in every action affecting the
8 family, the court or family circuit court commissioner may, during the pendency
9 thereof, make just and reasonable temporary orders concerning the following
10 matters:

11 **SECTION 187.** 767.23 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 767.23 (1) (a) Upon request of one party, granting legal custody of the minor
13 children to the parties jointly, to one party solely or to a relative or agency specified
14 under s. 767.24 (3), in a manner consistent with s. 767.24, except that the court or
15 family circuit court commissioner may order sole legal custody without the
16 agreement of the other party and without the findings required under s. 767.24 (2)
17 (b) 2. This order may not have a binding effect on a final custody determination.

18 **SECTION 188.** 767.23 (1) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 767.23 (1) (am) Upon the request of a party, granting periods of physical
20 placement to a party in a manner consistent with s. 767.24. The court or family
21 circuit court commissioner shall make a determination under this paragraph within
22 30 days after the request for a temporary order regarding periods of physical
23 placement is filed.

24 **SECTION 189.** 767.23 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 767.23 (1m) If a family circuit court commissioner believes that a temporary
2 restraining order or injunction under s. 813.12 is appropriate in an action, the circuit
3 court commissioner shall inform the parties of their right to seek the order or
4 injunction and the procedure to follow. On a motion for such a restraining order or
5 injunction, the family circuit court commissioner shall submit the motion to the court
6 within 5 working days.

7 **SECTION 190.** 767.23 (1n) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 767.23 (1n) Before making any temporary order under sub. (1), the court or
9 family circuit court commissioner shall consider those factors that the court is
10 required by this chapter to consider before entering a final judgment on the same
11 subject matter. In making a determination under sub. (1) (a) or (am), the court or
12 family circuit court commissioner shall consider the factors under s. 767.24 (5). If
13 the court or family circuit court commissioner makes a temporary child support order
14 that deviates from the amount of support that would be required by using the
15 percentage standard established by the department under s. 49.22 (9), the court or
16 family circuit court commissioner shall comply with the requirements of s. 767.25
17 (1n). A temporary order under sub. (1) may be based upon the written stipulation
18 of the parties, subject to the approval of the court or the family circuit court
19 commissioner. Temporary orders made by the family a circuit court commissioner
20 may be reviewed by the court as provided in s. 767.13 (6).

21 **SECTION 191.** 767.242 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 767.242 (3) (b) The petition shall request the imposition of a remedy or any
23 combination of remedies under sub. (5) (b) and (c). This paragraph does not prohibit
24 a judge or family circuit court commissioner from imposing a remedy under sub. (5)
25 (b) or (c) if the remedy was not requested in the petition.

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1 **SECTION 192.** 767.242 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 767.242 **(3)** (c) A judge or family circuit court commissioner shall accept any
3 legible petition for an order under this section.

4 **SECTION 193.** 767.242 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 767.242 **(5)** (a) A judge or family circuit court commissioner shall hold a hearing
6 on the petition no later than 30 days after the petition has been served, unless the
7 time is extended by mutual agreement of the parties or upon the motion of a guardian
8 ad litem and the approval of the judge or family circuit court commissioner. The
9 judge or family circuit court commissioner may, on his or her own motion or the
10 motion of any party, order that a guardian ad litem be appointed for the child prior
11 to the hearing.

12 **SECTION 194.** 767.242 (5) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 767.242 **(5)** (b) (intro.) If, at the conclusion of the hearing, the judge or family
14 circuit court commissioner finds that the respondent has intentionally and
15 unreasonably denied the petitioner one or more periods of physical placement or that
16 the respondent has intentionally and unreasonably interfered with one or more of
17 the petitioner's periods of physical placement, the court or family circuit court
18 commissioner:

19 **SECTION 195.** 767.242 (5) (b) 2. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 767.242 **(5)** (b) 2. c. Grant an injunction ordering the respondent to strictly
21 comply with the judgment or order relating to the award of physical placement. In
22 determining whether to issue an injunction, the judge or family circuit court
23 commissioner shall consider whether alternative remedies requested by the
24 petitioner would be as effective in obtaining compliance with the order or judgment
25 relating to physical placement.

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1 **SECTION 196.** 767.242 (5) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 767.242 (5) (c) If, at the conclusion of the hearing, the judge or family circuit
3 court commissioner finds that the petitioner has incurred a financial loss or expenses
4 as a result of the respondent's failure, intentionally and unreasonably and without
5 adequate notice to the petitioner, to exercise one or more periods of physical
6 placement under an order allocating specific times for the exercise of periods of
7 physical placement, the judge or family circuit court commissioner may issue an
8 order requiring the respondent to pay to the petitioner a sum of money sufficient to
9 compensate the petitioner for the financial loss or expenses.

10 **SECTION 197.** 767.242 (5) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 767.242 (5) (d) Except as provided in par. (b) 1. a. and 2. a., the judge or family
12 circuit court commissioner may not modify an order of legal custody or physical
13 placement in an action under this section.

14 **SECTION 198.** 767.242 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 767.242 (6) (a) If an injunction is issued under sub. (5) (b) 2. c., upon request
16 by the petitioner the judge or family circuit court commissioner shall order the sheriff
17 to assist the petitioner in executing or serving the injunction.

18 **SECTION 199.** 767.247 of the statutes is amended to read:

19 **767.247 Prohibiting visitation or physical placement if a parent kills**
20 **other parent. (1)** Notwithstanding ss. 767.23 (1) (am), 767.24 (1), (4) and (5),
21 767.51 (3) and 767.62 (4) (a) and except as provided in sub. (2), in an action under this
22 chapter that affects a minor child, a court or family circuit court commissioner may
23 not grant to the child's parent visitation or physical placement rights with the child
24 if the parent has been convicted under s. 940.01 of the first-degree intentional

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1 homicide, or under s. 940.05 of the 2nd-degree intentional homicide, of the child's
2 other parent, and the conviction has not been reversed, set aside or vacated.

3 **(2)** Subsection (1) does not apply if the court or ~~family~~ circuit court
4 commissioner determines by clear and convincing evidence that the visitation or
5 periods of physical placement would be in the best interests of the child. The court
6 or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner shall consider the wishes of the child in making
7 the determination.

8 **SECTION 200.** 767.25 (4m) (f) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 767.25 **(4m)** (f) 2. The notice provided to the parent shall inform the parent that
10 coverage for the child under the new employer's health benefit plan will be in effect
11 upon the employer's receipt of the notice. The notice shall inform the parent that he
12 or she may, within 10 business days after receiving the notice, by motion request a
13 hearing before the court on the issue of whether the order to provide coverage of the
14 child's health care expenses should remain in effect. A motion under this subdivision
15 may be heard by a ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner. If the parent requests a hearing
16 and the court or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner determines that the order to
17 provide coverage of the child's health care expenses should not remain in effect, the
18 court shall provide notice to the employer that the order is no longer in effect.

19 **SECTION 201.** 767.265 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 767.265 **(1)** Each order for child support under this chapter, for maintenance
21 payments under s. 767.23 or 767.26, for family support under this chapter, for costs
22 ordered under s. 767.51 (3) or 767.62 (4), for support by a spouse under s. 767.02 (1)
23 (f), for maintenance payments under s. 767.02 (1) (g) or for the annual receiving and
24 disbursing fee under s. 767.29 (1) (d), each order for a revision in a judgment or order
25 with respect to child support, maintenance or family support payments under s.

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1 767.32, each stipulation approved by the court or ~~the family~~ a circuit court
2 commissioner for child support under this chapter and each order for child or spousal
3 support entered under s. 948.22 (7) constitutes an assignment of all commissions,
4 earnings, salaries, wages, pension benefits, benefits under ch. 102 or 108, lottery
5 prizes that are payable in ~~instalments~~ installments and other money due or to be due
6 in the future to the department or its designee. The assignment shall be for an
7 amount sufficient to ensure payment under the order or stipulation and to pay any
8 arrearages due at a periodic rate not to exceed 50% of the amount of support due
9 under the order or stipulation so long as the addition of the amount toward
10 arrearages does not leave the party at an income below the poverty line established
11 under 42 USC 9902 (2).

12 **SECTION 202.** 767.265 (2h) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 767.265 **(2h)** If a court-ordered assignment, including the assignment
14 specified under sub. (1) for the payment of any arrearages due, does not require
15 immediately effective withholding and a payer fails to make a required maintenance,
16 child support, spousal support, family support or annual receiving and disbursing
17 fee payment within 10 days after its due date, within 20 days after the payment's due
18 date the court, ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner or county child support agency
19 under s. 59.53 (5) shall cause the assignment to go into effect by providing notice of
20 the assignment in the manner provided under sub. (2r) and shall send a notice by
21 regular mail to the last-known address of the payer. The notice sent to the payer
22 shall inform the payer that an assignment is in effect and that the payer may, within
23 a 10-day period, by motion request a hearing on the issue of whether the assignment
24 should remain in effect. The court or ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner shall hold a
25 hearing requested under this subsection within 10 working days after the date of the

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1 request. If at the hearing the payer establishes that the assignment is not proper
2 because of a mistake of fact, the court or family circuit court commissioner may direct
3 that the assignment be withdrawn. Either party may, within 15 working days after
4 the date of a decision by a family circuit court commissioner under this subsection,
5 seek review of the decision by the court with jurisdiction over the action.

6 **SECTION 203.** 767.265 (2m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 767.265 (2m) (b) The county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) may cause
8 an assignment under par. (a) to go into effect by providing notice of the assignment
9 in the manner provided under sub. (2r) and sending a notice by regular mail to the
10 last-known address of the payer. The notice sent to the payer shall inform the payer
11 that an assignment is in effect and that the payer may, within a 10-day period, by
12 motion request a hearing on the issue of whether the assignment should remain in
13 effect. The court or family circuit court commissioner shall hold a hearing requested
14 under this paragraph within 10 working days after the date of the request. If at the
15 hearing the payer establishes that the assignment is not proper because of a mistake
16 of fact, the court or family circuit court commissioner may direct that the assignment
17 be withdrawn. The payer or the county child support agency may, within 15 working
18 days after the date of a decision by a family circuit court commissioner under this
19 paragraph, seek review of the decision by the court with jurisdiction over the action.

20 **SECTION 204.** 767.265 (2r) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 767.265 (2r) Upon entry of each order for child support, maintenance, family
22 support, support by a spouse or the annual receiving and disbursing fee, and upon
23 approval of each stipulation for child support, unless the court finds that income
24 withholding is likely to cause the payer irreparable harm or unless s. 767.267
25 applies, the court, family circuit court commissioner or county child support agency

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1 under s. 59.53 (5) shall provide notice of the assignment by regular mail or by
2 facsimile machine, as defined in s. 134.72 (1) (a), or other electronic means to the
3 last-known address of the person from whom the payer receives or will receive
4 money. The notice shall provide that the amount withheld may not exceed the
5 maximum amount that is subject to garnishment under 15 USC 1673 (b) (2). If the
6 department or its designee, whichever is appropriate, does not receive the money
7 from the person notified, the court, family circuit court commissioner or county child
8 support agency under s. 59.53 (5) shall provide notice of the assignment to any other
9 person from whom the payer receives or will receive money. Notice under this
10 subsection may be a notice of the court, a copy of the executed assignment or a copy
11 of that part of the court order directing payment.

12 **SECTION 205.** 767.267 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 767.267 (1) If the court or ~~the family circuit~~ family circuit court commissioner determines
14 that income withholding under s. 767.265 is inapplicable, ineffective or insufficient
15 to ensure payment under an order or stipulation specified in s. 767.265 (1), or that
16 income withholding under s. 767.25 (4m) (c) is inapplicable, ineffective or insufficient
17 to ensure payment of a child's health care expenses, including payment of health
18 insurance premiums, ordered under s. 767.25 (4m) ~~or 767.51 (3m)~~, the court or family
19 circuit court commissioner may require the payer to identify or establish a deposit
20 account, owned in whole or in part by the payer, that allows for periodic transfers of
21 funds and to file with the financial institution at which the account is located an
22 authorization for transfer from the account to the department or its designee,
23 whichever is appropriate. The authorization shall be provided on a standard form
24 approved by the court and shall specify the frequency and the amount of transfer,
25 sufficient to meet the payer's obligation under the order or stipulation, as required

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1 by the court or family circuit court commissioner. The authorization shall include
2 the payer's consent for the financial institution or an officer, employee or agent of the
3 financial institution to disclose information to the court, family circuit court
4 commissioner, county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5), department or
5 department's designee regarding the account for which the payer has executed the
6 authorization for transfer.

7 **SECTION 206.** 767.267 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 767.267 (5) A financial institution or an officer, employee or agent of a financial
9 institution may disclose information to the court, family circuit court commissioner,
10 county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5), department or department's designee
11 concerning an account for which a payer has executed an authorization for transfer
12 under sub. (1).

13 **SECTION 207.** 767.27 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 767.27 (2) Except as provided in sub. (2m), disclosure forms required under this
15 section shall be filed within 90 days after the service of summons or the filing of a
16 joint petition or at such other time as ordered by the court or family circuit court
17 commissioner. Information contained on such forms shall be updated on the record
18 to the date of hearing.

19 **SECTION 208.** 767.29 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **767.29 (title) Maintenance, child support and family support**
21 **payments, receipt and disbursement; family circuit court commissioner,**
22 **fees and compensation.**

23 **SECTION 209.** 767.29 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 767.29 (1) (c) Except as provided in sub. (1m), the department or its designee
25 shall disburse the money received under the judgment or order in the manner

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1 required by federal regulations and take receipts therefor, unless the department or
2 its designee is unable to disburse the moneys because they were paid by check or
3 other draft drawn upon an account containing insufficient funds. All moneys
4 received or disbursed under this section shall be entered in a record kept by the
5 department or its designee, whichever is appropriate, which shall be open to
6 inspection by the parties to the action, their attorneys and the family circuit court
7 commissioner.

8 **SECTION 210.** 767.29 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 767.29 (1) (d) For receiving and disbursing maintenance, child support or
10 family support payments, and for maintaining the records required under par. (c),
11 the department or its designee shall collect an annual fee of \$25. The court or family
12 circuit court commissioner shall order each party ordered to make payments to pay
13 the annual fee under this paragraph in each year for which payments are ordered.
14 In directing the manner of payment of the annual fee, the court or family circuit court
15 commissioner shall order that the annual fee be withheld from income and sent to
16 the department or its designee, as provided under s. 767.265. All fees collected under
17 this paragraph shall be deposited in the appropriation account under s. 20.445 (3)
18 (ja). At the time of ordering the payment of an annual fee under this paragraph, the
19 court or family circuit court commissioner shall notify each party ordered to make
20 payments of the requirement to pay the annual fee and of the amount of the annual
21 fee. If the annual fee under this paragraph is not paid when due, the department or
22 its designee may not deduct the annual fee from the maintenance or child or family
23 support payment, but may move the court for a remedial sanction under ch. 785.

24 **SECTION 211.** 767.29 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 767.29 (1) (e) If the maintenance, child support or family support payments
2 adjudged or ordered to be paid are not paid to the department or its designee at the
3 time provided in the judgment or order, the county child support agency under s.
4 59.53 (5) or ~~the family~~ a circuit court commissioner of the county shall take such
5 proceedings as he or she considers advisable to secure the payment of the sum
6 including enforcement by contempt proceedings under ch. 785 or by other means.
7 Copies of any order issued to compel the payment shall be mailed to counsel who
8 represented each party when the maintenance, child support or family support
9 payments were awarded. In case any fees of officers in any of the proceedings,
10 including the compensation of the ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner at the rate of \$50
11 per day unless the commissioner is on a salaried basis, is not collected from the
12 person proceeded against, the fees shall be paid out of the county treasury upon the
13 order of the presiding judge and the certificate of the department.

14 **SECTION 212.** 767.29 (1m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 767.29 (1m) (b) The court or ~~the family~~ circuit court commissioner has ordered
16 that overpayments of child support, family support or maintenance that do not
17 exceed the amount of support or maintenance due in the next month may be held for
18 disbursement in the next month.

19 **SECTION 213.** 767.29 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 767.29 (3) (a) If maintenance payments or support money, or both, is ordered
21 to be paid for the benefit of any person, who is committed by court order to an
22 institution or is in confinement, or whose legal custody is vested by court order under
23 ch. 48 or 938 in an agency, department or relative, the court or ~~family~~ a circuit court
24 commissioner may order such maintenance payments or support money to be paid
25 to the relative or agency, institution, welfare department or other entity having the

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1 legal or actual custody of said person, and to be used for the latter's care and
2 maintenance, without the appointment of a guardian under ch. 880.

3 **SECTION 214.** 767.29 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 767.29 (3) (b) If a child who is the beneficiary of support under a judgment or
5 order is placed by court order in a child caring institution, juvenile correctional
6 institution or state mental institution, the right of the child to support during the
7 period of the child's confinement, including any right to unpaid support accruing
8 during that period, is assigned to the state. If the judgment or order providing for
9 the support of a child who is placed in a child caring institution, juvenile correctional
10 institution or state mental institution includes support for one or more other
11 children, the support that is assigned to the state shall be the proportionate share
12 of the child placed in the institution, except as otherwise ordered by the court or
13 ~~family~~ circuit court commissioner on the motion of a party.

14 **SECTION 215.** 767.293 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 767.293 (1) If an order for child support under this chapter or s. 948.22 (7), an
16 order for family support under this chapter or a stipulation approved by the court or
17 ~~the family~~ circuit court commissioner for child support under this chapter requires
18 a payer to pay child or family support in an amount that is expressed as a percentage
19 of parental income, the payee, including the state or a county child support agency
20 under s. 59.53 (5) if the state is a real party in interest under s. 767.075 (1), may
21 establish an arrearage by filing an affidavit in the action in which the order for the
22 payment of support was entered or the stipulation for support was approved. The
23 affidavit shall state the amount of the arrearage and the facts supporting a
24 reasonable basis on which the arrearage was determined and may state the payer's
25 current income and the facts supporting a reasonable basis on which the payer's

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1 current income was determined. Not later than 60 days after filing the affidavit, the
2 payee shall serve the affidavit on the payer in the manner provided in s. 801.11 (1)
3 (a) or (b) or by sending the affidavit by registered or certified mail to the last-known
4 address of the payer. After the payee files a proof of service on the payer, the court
5 shall send a notice to the payer by regular, registered or certified mail to the payer's
6 last-known address. The notice shall provide that, unless the payer requests a
7 hearing to dispute the arrearage or the amount of the arrearage not later than 20
8 days after the date of the notice, the court or family circuit court commissioner may
9 enter an order against the payer in the amount stated in the affidavit and may
10 provide notice of assignment under s. 767.265. The notice shall include the mailing
11 address to which the request for hearing must be mailed or delivered in order to
12 schedule a hearing under sub. (2).

13 **SECTION 216.** 767.293 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 767.293 (2) If the payer makes a timely request for a hearing, the court or
15 family circuit court commissioner shall hold a hearing on the issue of the amount of
16 the arrearage, if any. If the court or family circuit court commissioner determines
17 after hearing that an arrearage exists, the court or family circuit court commissioner
18 shall enter an order establishing an arrearage in the amount determined by the court
19 or family circuit court commissioner and may send notice of assignment under s.
20 767.265.

21 **SECTION 217.** 767.293 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 767.293 (3) If the court or family circuit court commissioner sends the notice
23 under sub. (1) and the payer fails to make a timely request for a hearing, the court
24 or family circuit court commissioner, if the affidavit demonstrates to the satisfaction
25 of the court or family circuit court commissioner that an arrearage exists, shall enter

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1 an order establishing an arrearage in the amount determined by the court or family
2 circuit court commissioner and may send notice of assignment under s. 767.265. The
3 court or family circuit court commissioner shall send the order to the payer's
4 last-known address and shall inform the payer whether an assignment is in effect
5 and that the payer may, within a 10-day period, by motion request a hearing on the
6 issue of whether the order should be vacated or the assignment should be withdrawn.

7 **SECTION 218.** 767.32 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 767.32 (1) (a) After a judgment or order providing for child support under this
9 chapter or s. 48.355 (2) (b) 4., 48.357 (5m) (a), 48.363 (2), 938.183 (4), 938.355 (2) (b)
10 4., 938.357 (5m) (a), 938.363 (2) or 948.22 (7), maintenance payments under s. 767.26
11 or family support payments under this chapter, or for the appointment of trustees
12 under s. 767.31, the court may, from time to time, on the petition, motion or order to
13 show cause of either of the parties, or upon the petition, motion or order to show cause
14 of the department, a county department under s. 46.215, 46.22 or 46.23 or a county
15 child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) if an assignment has been made under s.
16 46.261, 48.57 (3m) (b) 2. or (3n) (b) 2., 49.19 (4) (h) or 49.45 (19) or if either party or
17 their minor children receive aid under s. 48.57 (3m) or (3n) or ch. 49, and upon notice
18 to the office of family court commissioner, revise and alter such judgment or order
19 respecting the amount of such maintenance or child support and the payment
20 thereof, and also respecting the appropriation and payment of the principal and
21 income of the property so held in trust, and may make any judgment or order
22 respecting any of the matters that such court might have made in the original action,
23 except that a judgment or order that waives maintenance payments for either party
24 shall not thereafter be revised or altered in that respect nor shall the provisions of
25 a judgment or order with respect to final division of property be subject to revision

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1 or modification. A revision, under this section, of a judgment or order with respect
2 to an amount of child or family support may be made only upon a finding of a
3 substantial change in circumstances. In any action under this section to revise a
4 judgment or order with respect to maintenance payments, a substantial change in
5 the cost of living by either party or as measured by the federal bureau of labor
6 statistics may be sufficient to justify a revision of judgment or order with respect to
7 the amount of maintenance, except that a change in an obligor's cost of living is not
8 in itself sufficient if payments are expressed as a percentage of income.

9 **SECTION 219.** 767.327 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 767.327 (2) (c) Upon receipt of a copy of a notice of objection under par. (a), the
11 court or family circuit court commissioner shall promptly refer the parents for
12 mediation or other family court counseling services under s. 767.11 and may appoint
13 a guardian ad litem. Unless the parents agree to extend the time period, if mediation
14 or counseling services do not resolve the dispute within 30 days after referral, the
15 matter shall proceed under subs. (3) to (5).

16 **SECTION 220.** 767.33 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 767.33 (2) An adjustment under sub. (1) may be made only if the party receiving
18 payments applies to the family a circuit court commissioner for the adjustment. If
19 the order specifies the date on which the annual adjustment becomes effective, the
20 application to the family circuit court commissioner must be made at least 20 days
21 before the effective date of the adjustment. The family circuit court commissioner,
22 upon application by the party receiving payments, shall send a notice by certified
23 mail to the last-known address of the obligor. The notice shall be postmarked no
24 later than 10 days after the date on which the application was filed and shall inform
25 the obligor that an adjustment in payments will become effective on the date

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1 specified in the order or, if no date is specified in the order, 10 days after the date on
2 which the notice is sent. The obligor may, after receipt of notice and before the
3 effective date of the adjustment, request a hearing on the issue of whether the
4 adjustment should take effect, in which case the adjustment shall be held in
5 abeyance pending the outcome of the hearing. The family circuit court commissioner
6 shall hold a hearing requested under this subsection within 10 working days after
7 the request. If at the hearing the obligor establishes that extraordinary
8 circumstances beyond his or her control prevent fulfillment of the adjusted child
9 support obligation, the family circuit court commissioner may direct that all or part
10 of the adjustment not take effect until the obligor is able to fulfill the adjusted
11 obligation. If at the hearing the obligor does not establish that extraordinary
12 circumstances beyond his or her control prevent fulfillment of the adjusted
13 obligation, the adjustment shall take effect as of the date it would have become
14 effective had no hearing been requested. Either party may, within 15 working days
15 of the date of the decision by the family circuit court commissioner under this
16 subsection, seek review of the decision by the court with jurisdiction over the action.

17 **SECTION 221.** 767.37 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 767.37 (1) (a) In any action affecting the family, if the court orders maintenance
19 payments or other allowances for a party or children or retains jurisdiction in such
20 matters, the written judgment shall include a provision that disobedience of the
21 court order with respect to the same is punishable under ch. 785 by commitment to
22 the county jail or house of correction until such judgment is complied with and the
23 costs and expenses of the proceedings are paid or until the party committed is
24 otherwise discharged, according to law. The written judgment in any action affecting
25 the family shall include the social security numbers of the parties and of any child

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1 of the parties. The findings of fact and conclusions of law and the written judgment
2 shall be drafted by the attorney for the moving party, and shall be submitted to the
3 court and filed with the clerk of the court within 30 days after judgment is granted;
4 but if the respondent has been represented by counsel, the findings, conclusions and
5 judgment shall first be submitted to respondent's counsel for approval and if the
6 family circuit court commissioner has appeared at the trial of the action, such papers
7 shall also be sent to the family circuit court commissioner for approval. After any
8 necessary approvals are obtained, the findings of fact, conclusions of law and
9 judgment shall be submitted to the court. Final stipulations of the parties may be
10 appended to the judgment and incorporated by reference therein.

11 **SECTION 222.** 767.37 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 767.37 (2) So far as a judgment of divorce affects the marital status of the
13 parties the court has the power to vacate or modify the judgment for sufficient cause
14 shown, upon its own motion, or upon the application of both parties to the action, at
15 any time within 6 months from the granting of such judgment. No such judgment
16 shall be vacated or modified without service of notice of motion on the office of family
17 court commissioner. The court may direct ~~the family~~ a circuit court commissioner or
18 appoint some other attorney, to bring appropriate proceedings for the vacation of the
19 judgment. The compensation of the family circuit court commissioner when not on
20 a salaried basis or other attorney for performing such services shall be at the rate of
21 \$50 per day, which shall be paid out of the county treasury upon order of the presiding
22 judge and the certificate of the clerk of the court. If the judgment is vacated it shall
23 restore the parties to the marital relation that existed before the granting of such
24 judgment. If after vacation of the judgment either of the parties brings an action in
25 this state for divorce against the other the court may order the petitioner in such

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1 action to reimburse the county the amount paid by it to the family circuit court
2 commissioner or other attorney in connection with such vacation proceedings.
3 Whenever a judgment of divorce is set aside under this subsection, the court shall
4 order the record in the action impounded without regard to s. 767.19; and thereafter
5 neither the record nor any part of the record shall be offered or admitted into evidence
6 in any action or proceeding except by special order of the court of jurisdiction upon
7 good cause shown in any paternity proceedings under this chapter or by special order
8 of any court of record upon a showing of necessity to clear title to real estate.

9 **SECTION 223.** 767.45 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 767.45 (5) (b) An action under this section may be joined with any other action
11 for child support and shall be governed by the procedures specified in s. 767.05
12 relating to child support, except that the title of the action shall be “In re the
13 paternity of A.B.” The petition shall state the name and date of birth of the child if
14 born or that the mother is pregnant if the child is unborn, the name of any alleged
15 father, whether or not an action by any of the parties to determine the paternity of
16 the child or rebut the presumption of paternity to the child has at any time been
17 commenced, or is pending before any judge or circuit court commissioner, in this state
18 or elsewhere. If a paternity judgment has been rendered, or if a paternity action has
19 been dismissed, the petition shall state the court which rendered the judgment or
20 dismissed the action, and the date and the place the judgment was granted if known.
21 The petition shall also give notice of a party’s right to request a genetic test under
22 s. 49.225 or 767.48.

23 **SECTION 224.** 767.455 (5) (form) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 767.455 (5) (form)

25 STATE OF WISCONSIN,

CIRCUIT COURT:COUNTY

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In re the Paternity of A. B.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

and

C. D.

Address

City, State Zip Code

File No. ...

, Petitioners

vs.

S U M M O N S

E. F.

Address

.... (Case Classification Type):

.... (Code No.)

City, State Zip Code

, Respondent

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the Respondent:

You have been sued. claims that you are the father of the child, born on
.... (date), in (city) (county) (state). You must appear to answer this claim of
paternity. Your court appearance is:

Date:

Time:

Room:

Judge or Family Circuit Court Commissioner:

Address:

If you do not appear, the court will enter a default judgment finding you to be
the father. A default judgment will take effect 30 days after it is served on or mailed

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1 to you, unless within those 30 days you present to the court evidence of good cause
2 for failure to appear. If you plan to be represented by an attorney, you should contact
3 the attorney prior to the court appearance listed above. If you are unable to afford
4 an attorney, the court will appoint one for you only upon the blood tests showing that
5 you are not excluded as the father and the probability of your being the father is less
6 than 99.0%. Appearance is not required if you complete the attached waiver of first
7 appearance statement and send it to the court at least 10 days prior to the date of
8 your scheduled appearance in this summons.

9 Dated:, (year)

10 Signed:.....

11 G. H., Clerk of Circuit Court

12 or

13 Petitioner's Attorney

14 State Bar No.:

15 Address:

16 City, State Zip Code:

17 Phone No.:

18 **SECTION 225.** 767.458 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 767.458 **(1m)** In an action to establish the paternity of a child who was born
20 to a woman while she was married, where a man other than the woman's husband
21 alleges that he, not the husband, is the child's father, a party may allege that a
22 judicial determination that a man other than the husband is the father is not in the
23 best interest of the child. If the court or a circuit or supplemental court commissioner
24 under s. ~~757.69(3)~~ 757.675 (2) (g) determines that a judicial determination of

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1 whether a man other than the husband is the father is not in the best interest of the
2 child, no genetic tests may be ordered and the action shall be dismissed.

3 **SECTION 226.** 767.46 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 767.46 (1) A pretrial hearing shall be held before the court or a circuit or
5 supplemental court commissioner under s. ~~757.69 (3)~~ 757.675 (2) (g). A record or
6 minutes of the proceeding shall be kept. At the pretrial hearing the parties may
7 present and cross-examine witnesses, request genetic tests and present other
8 evidence relevant to the determination of paternity.

9 **SECTION 227.** 767.463 of the statutes is amended to read:

10 **767.463 Dismissal if adjudication not in child's best interest.** Except as
11 provided in s. 767.458 (1m), at any time in an action to establish the paternity of a
12 child, upon the motion of a party or guardian ad litem, the court or circuit or
13 supplemental court commissioner under s. ~~757.69 (3)~~ 757.675 (2) (g) may, with
14 respect to a man, refuse to order genetic tests, if genetic tests have not yet been taken,
15 and dismiss the action if the court or circuit or supplemental court commissioner
16 determines that a judicial determination of whether the man is the father of the child
17 is not in the best interest of the child.

18 **SECTION 228.** 767.465 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 767.465 (2) (a) Except as provided in sub. (2m), if a respondent is the alleged
20 father and fails to appear at the first appearance, unless the first appearance is not
21 required under s. 767.457 (2), scheduled court-ordered genetic test, pretrial hearing
22 or trial, the court shall enter an order adjudicating the respondent to be the father
23 and appropriate orders for support, legal custody and physical placement. The
24 orders shall be either served on the respondent or mailed by regular, registered or
25 certified mail, to the last-known address of the respondent. The orders shall take

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1 effect 30 days after service or 30 days after the date on which the orders were mailed
2 unless, within that time, the respondent presents to the court or a circuit or
3 supplemental court commissioner under s. ~~757.69 (3) (g)~~ 757.675 (2) (g) evidence of
4 good cause for failure to appear or failure to have undergone a court-ordered genetic
5 test.

6 **SECTION 229.** 767.62 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 767.62 (2) (b) If a statement acknowledging paternity is timely rescinded as
8 provided in s. 69.15 (3m), a court or family circuit court commissioner may not enter
9 an order specified in sub. (4) with respect to the man who signed the statement as
10 the father of the child unless the man is adjudicated the child's father using the
11 procedures set forth in ss. 767.45 to 767.60.

12 **SECTION 230.** 767.62 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 767.62 (3) (b) Except as provided in s. 767.045, in an action specified in par. (a)
14 the court or family a circuit court commissioner may appoint a guardian ad litem for
15 the child and shall appoint a guardian ad litem for a party who is a minor, unless the
16 minor party is represented by an attorney.

17 **SECTION 231.** 767.62 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 767.62 (4) ORDERS WHEN PATERNITY ACKNOWLEDGED. (intro.) In an action under
19 sub. (3) (a), if the persons who signed and filed the statement acknowledging
20 paternity as parents of the child had notice of the hearing, the court or family circuit
21 court commissioner shall make an order that contains all of the following provisions:

22 **SECTION 232.** 769.102 of the statutes is amended to read:

23 **769.102 Tribunal of this state.** The courts and circuit and supplemental
24 court commissioners are the tribunal of this state.

25 **SECTION 233.** 769.302 of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 **769.302 Action by minor parent.** A minor parent, or a guardian or other
2 legal representative of a minor parent, may maintain a proceeding on behalf of or for
3 the benefit of the minor's child. Notwithstanding s. 767.045 (1) or 803.01 (3), the
4 court may appoint a guardian ad litem for the minor's child, but the court need not
5 appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor parent who maintains such a proceeding
6 unless the proceeding is one for the determination of parentage, in which case the
7 court or a family circuit court commissioner shall appoint a guardian ad litem for a
8 minor parent within this state who maintains such a proceeding or for a minor within
9 this state who is alleged to be a parent, as provided in s. 767.475 (1).

10 **SECTION 234.** 782.01 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 **782.01 (3)** In this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, judge includes
12 the supreme court, the court of appeals and circuit courts and each justice and judge
13 thereof and circuit and supplemental court commissioners; and prisoner includes
14 every person restrained of personal liberty; and imprisoned includes every such
15 restraint, and respondent means the person on whom the writ is to be served.

16 **SECTION 235.** 782.03 of the statutes is amended to read:

17 **782.03 Petition for writ.** Application for the writ shall be by petition, signed
18 either by the prisoner or by some person in his or her behalf, and may be made to the
19 supreme court, the court of appeals or the circuit court of the county, or to any justice
20 or judge of the supreme court, court of appeals or circuit court or to any circuit or
21 supplemental court commissioner, within the county where the prisoner is detained;
22 or if there is no judge within the county, or for any cause he or she is incapable of
23 acting, or has refused to grant the writ, then to some judge residing in an adjoining
24 county; but every application, made by or on behalf of a person sentenced to the state
25 prisons, must contain a copy of any motion made under s. 974.06 and shall indicate

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1 the disposition of the motion and the court in which the disposition was made. If no
2 motion was made, the petition shall so state.

3 **SECTION 236.** 782.28 of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **782.28 Transfer from circuit court commissioner.** If the writ is returnable
5 before a circuit court commissioner, either party may make a request for transfer to
6 the court in which the matter is filed. Upon receipt of such request the circuit court
7 commissioner shall forthwith transmit all papers and records in the proceedings to
8 the court.

9 **SECTION 237.** 799.03 of the statutes is amended to read:

10 **799.03 Definition.** In this chapter unless otherwise designated, “court”
11 means circuit court and “court” does not mean circuit court commissioner.

12 **SECTION 238.** 799.05 (7) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 799.05 (7) FORM; CIRCUIT COURT COMMISSIONER. (intro.) Except as provided in
14 s. 799.22 (4) (b) 3., in counties ~~establishing at least one part-time or full-time court~~
15 ~~commissioner position under s. 757.68 (1) (b) in which a circuit court commissioner~~
16 ~~is assigned to assist in small claims matters~~, the summons shall be substantially in
17 the following form:

18 **SECTION 239.** 799.06 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 799.06 (1) PLEADINGS. All pleadings except the initial complaint may be oral.
20 Any circuit court may by rule require written pleadings and any judge or circuit court
21 commissioner may require written pleadings in a particular case.

22 **SECTION 240.** 799.11 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 799.11 (3) When, in any action under this chapter, it appears from the return
24 of service of the summons or otherwise that the county in which the action is pending
25 is not a proper place of trial and that another county would be a proper place of trial,

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1 the court or circuit court commissioner shall, on motion of a party or its own motion,
2 transfer the action to that county unless the defendant appears and waives the
3 improper venue. The clerk of the court to which the action is transferred shall issue
4 a new notice of return date upon payment of the fee required by s. 814.61 (2) (a).

5 **SECTION 241.** 799.20 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 799.20 (4) INQUIRY OF DEFENDANT WHO APPEARS ON RETURN DATE. If the defendant
7 appears on the return date of the summons or any adjourned date thereof, the court
8 or circuit court commissioner shall make sufficient inquiry of the defendant to
9 determine whether the defendant claims a defense to the action. If it appears to the
10 court or circuit court commissioner that the defendant claims a defense to the action,
11 the court or circuit court commissioner shall schedule a trial of all the issues involved
12 in the action, unless the parties stipulate otherwise or the action is subject to
13 immediate dismissal.

14 **SECTION 242.** 799.206 (1), (2) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

15 799.206 (1) In counties establishing ~~at least one part-time or full-time~~ a circuit
16 court commissioner position under s. 757.68 (1) ~~(b)~~ (5m), all actions and proceedings
17 commenced under this chapter shall be returnable before a circuit court
18 commissioner appointed under s. 757.68 (1) and SCR chapter 75. In any other
19 county, a circuit court commissioner may conduct return date proceedings if
20 delegated such authority under s. 757.69 (1) (d).

21 (2) Judgment on failure to appear may be entered by the circuit court
22 commissioner or the clerk upon the return date as provided in s. 799.22.

23 (4) Except as provided in sub. (3), the circuit court commissioner shall hear all
24 matters using the procedures set forth in s. 799.207.

25 **SECTION 243.** 799.207 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 **799.207** (title) **Proceedings before circuit court commissioner.**

2 **SECTION 244.** 799.207 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 799.207 **(1)** (a) Any circuit court commissioner assigned to assist in the
4 ~~administration of small claims~~ matters may hold a conference with the parties or
5 their attorneys or both on the return date, examine pleadings and identify issues.

6 **SECTION 245.** 799.207 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 799.207 **(1)** (b) Except as provided in par. (e), a decision shall be rendered by
8 the circuit court commissioner on the return date if there is time available for a
9 hearing, the parties do not intend to call witnesses, and the parties agree to such a
10 hearing. If for any of the reasons stated in this paragraph, the matter cannot be
11 heard on the return date, an adjourned date shall be set.

12 **SECTION 246.** 799.207 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 799.207 **(1)** (e) If the circuit court commissioner cannot reach a decision on the
14 return or adjourned date, the commissioner shall mail the decision to each party
15 within 30 days of the date of the hearing.

16 **SECTION 247.** 799.207 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 799.207 **(2)** (intro.) The circuit court commissioner's decision shall become a
18 judgment 11 days after rendering, if oral, and 16 days after mailing, if written, except
19 that:

20 **SECTION 248.** 799.207 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 799.207 **(3)** (b) The circuit court commissioner shall give each of the parties a
22 form and instructions which shall be used for giving notice of an election to have the
23 matter heard by the court.

24 **SECTION 249.** 799.209 (1) to (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

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1 **799.209 (1)** The court or circuit court commissioner shall conduct the
2 proceeding informally, allowing each party to present arguments and proofs and to
3 examine witnesses to the extent reasonably required for full and true disclosure of
4 the facts.

5 **(2)** The proceedings shall not be governed by the common law or statutory rules
6 of evidence except those relating to privileges under ch. 905 or to admissibility under
7 s. 901.05. The court or circuit court commissioner shall admit all other evidence
8 having reasonable probative value, but may exclude irrelevant or repetitious
9 evidence or arguments. An essential finding of fact may not be based solely on a
10 declarant's oral hearsay statement unless it would be admissible under the rules of
11 evidence.

12 **(3)** The court or circuit court commissioner may conduct questioning of the
13 witnesses and shall endeavor to ensure that the claims or defenses of all parties are
14 fairly presented to the court or circuit court commissioner.

15 **(4)** The court or circuit court commissioner shall establish the order of trial and
16 the procedure to be followed in the presentation of evidence and arguments in an
17 appropriate manner consistent with the ends of justice and the prompt resolution of
18 the dispute on its merits according to the substantive law.

19 **SECTION 250.** 799.21 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 799.21 **(3)** (b) In counties ~~establishing at least one part-time or full-time court~~
21 ~~commissioner position under s. 757.68 (1) (b)~~ in which a circuit court commissioner
22 is assigned to assist in small claims matters, except in eviction actions which shall
23 be governed by par. (a), demand for trial by jury shall be made at the time a demand
24 for trial is filed. If the party requesting a trial does not request a jury trial, any other
25 party may request a jury trial by filing the request with the court and mailing copies

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1 to all other parties within 15 days from the date of mailing of the demand for trial
2 or the date on which personal notice of demand is given, whichever is applicable. If
3 no party demands a trial by jury, the right to trial by jury is waived forever. The fees
4 prescribed in ss. 814.61 (4) and 814.62 (3) (e) shall be paid when the demand for a
5 trial by jury is filed.

6 **SECTION 251.** 799.21 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 799.21 (4) JURY PROCEDURE. If there is a demand for a trial by jury, the judge
8 or circuit court commissioner shall place the case on the trial calendar and a jury of
9 6 persons shall be chosen as provided in s. 345.43 (3) (b). The parties shall proceed
10 as if the action had originally been begun as a proceeding under chs. 801 to 807,
11 except that the court is not required to provide the jury with one complete set of
12 written instructions under s. 805.13 (4) and the requirements for appearance by the
13 parties shall be governed by s. 799.06 (2).

14 **SECTION 252.** 799.24 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 799.24 (1) ENTRY OF JUDGMENT OR ORDER; NOTICE OF ENTRY THEREOF. When a
16 judgment or an order is rendered, the judge, circuit court commissioner or clerk of
17 circuit court shall immediately enter it in the court record and note the date thereof
18 which shall be the date of entry of judgment or order. The clerk of circuit court, except
19 in municipal and county forfeiture actions, shall mail a notice of entry of judgment
20 to the parties or their attorneys at their last-known address within 5 days of its
21 entry. Upon payment of the exact amount of the fee prescribed in s. 814.62 (3) (c),
22 the clerk of circuit court shall enter the judgment in the judgment and lien docket.

23 **SECTION 253.** 799.24 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 799.24 (3) STIPULATED DISMISSAL. Prior to the entry of judgment, upon
25 stipulation of the parties to a schedule for compliance with the stipulation, the court

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1 or circuit court commissioner may enter a stipulated judgment of dismissal in lieu
2 thereof. Any such judgment may be vacated without notice to the obligated party,
3 and the unsatisfied portion thereof entered, upon application by the prevailing party
4 and proof by affidavit of noncompliance with the terms of the stipulation.

5 **SECTION 254.** 799.26 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 799.26 (1) When a judgment for money damages is entered under this chapter,
7 the court or circuit court commissioner shall order the judgment debtor to execute
8 under penalty of contempt a disclosure statement and to mail or deliver that
9 statement to the judgment creditor or to the clerk of circuit court in the county where
10 the judgment is entered within 15 days of entry of judgment unless the judgment is
11 sooner satisfied. The statement shall disclose, as of the date of judgment, the debtor's
12 name, residence address, employers and their addresses, any real property interests
13 owned by the debtor, cash on hand, financial institutions in which the judgment
14 debtor has funds on deposit, whether the debtor's earnings are totally exempt from
15 garnishment under s. 812.34 (2) (b), and such other information as required by the
16 schedules adopted under sub. (3).

17 **SECTION 255.** 803.01 (3) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 803.01 (3) (b) 1. The guardian ad litem shall be appointed by a circuit court of
19 the county where the action is to be commenced or is pending, except that the
20 guardian ad litem shall be appointed by a family circuit court commissioner of the
21 county in actions to establish paternity that are before the family circuit court
22 commissioner.

23 **SECTION 256.** 807.02 of the statutes is amended to read:

24 **807.02 Motions, where heard; stay of proceedings.** Except as provided in
25 s. 807.13 or when the parties stipulate otherwise and the court approves, motions in

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1 actions or proceedings in the circuit court must be heard within the circuit where the
2 action is triable. Orders out of court, not requiring notice, may be made by the
3 presiding judge of the court in any part of the state. No order to stay proceedings
4 after a verdict, report or finding in any circuit court may be made by a circuit or
5 supplemental court commissioner. No stay of proceedings for more than 20 days may
6 be granted except upon previous notice to the adverse party.

7 **SECTION 257.** 807.04 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 807.04 (1) Except as provided under sub. (2), all trials, and all hearings at
9 which oral testimony is to be presented, shall be held in open court. The court may
10 make any order which a judge or a circuit or supplemental court commissioner has
11 power to make. ~~Court commissioners shall have the powers provided in ch. 753 or~~
12 ~~by other statute.~~

13 **SECTION 258.** 807.09 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 807.09 (1) A circuit judge of the circuit court of any county may appoint and
15 remove at any time, any retired or former circuit or county court judge to act, in
16 matters referred by the judge and in conciliation matters. When a matter for
17 conciliation is referred for such purpose, the conciliator shall have full authority to
18 hear, determine and report findings to the court. Such conciliators may be appointed
19 circuit court commissioners ~~as provided in s. 757.68~~ under SCR 75.02 (1).

20 **SECTION 259.** 812.30 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 812.30 (2) “Court” includes a circuit court commissioner assigned to preside at
22 a proceeding under this subchapter.

23 **SECTION 260.** 813.025 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 813.025 (1) No circuit or supplemental court commissioner shall may issue any
25 injunction or order suspending or restraining the enforcement or execution of any

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1 statute of the state or of any order of an administrative officer, board, department,
2 commission or other state agency purporting to be made pursuant to the statutes of
3 the state. If so issued ~~such~~, the injunction or order shall be void.

4 **SECTION 261.** 813.12 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 813.12 (2) (a) No action under this section may be commenced by complaint and
6 summons. An action under this section may be commenced only by a petition
7 described under sub. (5) (a). The action commences with service of the petition upon
8 the respondent if a copy of the petition is filed before service or promptly after service.
9 If the judge or family a circuit court commissioner extends the time for a hearing
10 under sub. (3) (c) and the petitioner files an affidavit with the court stating that
11 personal service by the sheriff or a private server under s. 801.11 (1) (a) or (b) was
12 unsuccessful because the respondent is avoiding service by concealment or
13 otherwise, the petitioner may serve the respondent by publication of the petition as
14 a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, and by mailing if the respondent's post-office address
15 is known or can with due diligence be ascertained. The mailing may be omitted if the
16 post-office address cannot be ascertained with due diligence.

17 **SECTION 262.** 813.12 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 813.12 (2) (b) A petition may be filed in conjunction with an action affecting the
19 family commenced under ch. 767, but commencement of an action affecting the
20 family or any other action is not necessary for the filing of a petition or the issuance
21 of a temporary restraining order or an injunction. A judge or family circuit court
22 commissioner may not make findings or issue orders under s. 767.23 or 767.24 while
23 granting relief requested only under this section. Section 813.06 does not apply to
24 an action under this section. The respondent may respond to the petition either in

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1 writing before or at the hearing on the issuance of the injunction or orally at that
2 hearing.

3 **SECTION 263.** 813.12 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 813.12 (3) (a) A judge or family circuit court commissioner shall issue a
5 temporary restraining order ordering the respondent to refrain from committing acts
6 of domestic abuse against the petitioner, to avoid the petitioner's residence, except
7 as provided in par. (am), or any premises temporarily occupied by the petitioner or
8 both, or to avoid contacting or causing any person other than a party's attorney to
9 contact the petitioner unless the petitioner consents in writing, or any combination
10 of these remedies requested in the petition, if all of the following occur:

11 1. The petitioner submits to the judge or family circuit court commissioner a
12 petition alleging the elements set forth under sub. (5) (a).

13 2. The judge or family circuit court commissioner finds reasonable grounds to
14 believe that the respondent has engaged in, or based on prior conduct of the
15 petitioner and the respondent may engage in, domestic abuse of the petitioner. In
16 determining whether to issue a temporary restraining order, the judge or family
17 circuit court commissioner shall consider the potential danger posed to the petitioner
18 and the pattern of abusive conduct of the respondent but may not base his or her
19 decision solely on the length of time since the last domestic abuse or the length of time
20 since the relationship ended. The judge or family circuit court commissioner may
21 grant only the remedies requested or approved by the petitioner.

22 **SECTION 264.** 813.12 (3) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 813.12 (3) (am) If the petitioner and the respondent are not married, the
24 respondent owns the premises where the petitioner resides and the petitioner has
25 no legal interest in the premises, in lieu of ordering the respondent to avoid the

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1 petitioner's residence under par. (a) the judge or family circuit court commissioner
2 may order the respondent to avoid the premises for a reasonable time until the
3 petitioner relocates and shall order the respondent to avoid the new residence for the
4 duration of the order.

5 **SECTION 265.** 813.12 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 813.12 (3) (c) The temporary restraining order is in effect until a hearing is held
7 on issuance of an injunction under sub. (4). The temporary restraining order is not
8 voided if the respondent is admitted into a dwelling that the order directs him or her
9 to avoid. A judge or family circuit court commissioner shall hold a hearing on
10 issuance of an injunction within 7 days after the temporary restraining order is
11 issued, unless the time is extended upon the written consent of the parties or
12 extended once for 14 days upon a finding that the respondent has not been served
13 with a copy of the temporary restraining order although the petitioner has exercised
14 due diligence.

15 **SECTION 266.** 813.12 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 813.12 (3) (d) The judge or circuit court commissioner shall advise the
17 petitioner of the right to serve the respondent the petition by published notice if with
18 due diligence the respondent cannot be served as provided under s. 801.11 (1) (a) or
19 (b). The clerk of circuit court shall assist the petitioner with the preparation of the
20 notice and filing of the affidavit of printing.

21 **SECTION 267.** 813.12 (4) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 813.12 (4) (a) (intro.) A judge or family circuit court commissioner may grant
23 an injunction ordering the respondent to refrain from committing acts of domestic
24 abuse against the petitioner, to avoid the petitioner's residence, except as provided
25 in par. (am), or any premises temporarily occupied by the petitioner or both, or to

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1 avoid contacting or causing any person other than a party's attorney to contact the
2 petitioner unless the petitioner consents to that contact in writing, or any
3 combination of these remedies requested in the petition, if all of the following occur:

4 **SECTION 268.** 813.12 (4) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 813.12 (4) (a) 3. After hearing, the judge or family circuit court commissioner
6 finds reasonable grounds to believe that the respondent has engaged in, or based
7 upon prior conduct of the petitioner and the respondent may engage in, domestic
8 abuse of the petitioner. In determining whether to issue an injunction, the judge or
9 family circuit court commissioner shall consider the potential danger posed to the
10 petitioner and the pattern of abusive conduct of the respondent but may not base his
11 or her decision solely on the length of time since the last domestic abuse or the length
12 of time since the relationship ended. The judge or family circuit court commissioner
13 may grant only the remedies requested by the petitioner.

14 **SECTION 269.** 813.12 (4) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 813.12 (4) (am) If the petitioner and the respondent are not married, the
16 respondent owns the premises where the petitioner resides and the petitioner has
17 no legal interest in the premises, in lieu of ordering the respondent to avoid the
18 petitioner's residence under par. (a) the judge or family circuit court commissioner
19 may order the respondent to avoid the premises for a reasonable time until the
20 petitioner relocates and shall order the respondent to avoid the new residence for the
21 duration of the order.

22 **SECTION 270.** 813.12 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 813.12 (4) (b) The judge or family circuit court commissioner may enter an
24 injunction only against the respondent named in the petition. No injunction may be
25 issued under this subsection under the same case number against the person

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1 petitioning for the injunction. The judge or family circuit court commissioner may
2 not modify an order restraining the respondent based solely on the request of the
3 respondent.

4 **SECTION 271.** 813.12 (4m) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 813.12 **(4m)** (a) 2. Except as provided in par. (ag), require the respondent to
6 surrender any firearms that he or she owns or has in his or her possession to the
7 sheriff of the county in which the action under this section was commenced, to the
8 sheriff of the county in which the respondent resides or to another person designated
9 by the respondent and approved by the judge or family circuit court commissioner.
10 The judge or circuit court commissioner shall approve the person designated by the
11 respondent unless the judge or circuit court commissioner finds that the person is
12 inappropriate and places the reasons for the finding on the record. If a firearm is
13 surrendered to a person designated by the respondent and approved by the judge or
14 family circuit court commissioner, the judge or family circuit court commissioner
15 shall inform the person to whom the firearm is surrendered of the requirements and
16 penalties under s. 941.29 (4).

17 **SECTION 272.** 813.12 (4m) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 813.12 **(4m)** (b) (intro.) A firearm surrendered under par. (a) 2. may not be
19 returned to the respondent until a judge or family circuit court commissioner
20 determines all of the following:

21 **SECTION 273.** 813.12 (4m) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 813.12 **(4m)** (b) 2. That the person is not prohibited from possessing a firearm
23 under any state or federal law or by the order of any federal court or state court, other
24 than an order from which the judge or family circuit court commissioner is competent
25 to grant relief.

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1 **SECTION 274.** 813.12 (5) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 813.12 (5) (c) A judge or family circuit court commissioner shall accept any
3 legible petition for a temporary restraining order or injunction.

4 **SECTION 275.** 813.12 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 813.12 (6) (a) If an order is issued under this section, upon request by the
6 petitioner the court or family circuit court commissioner shall order the sheriff to
7 accompany the petitioner and assist in placing him or her in physical possession of
8 his or her residence or to otherwise assist in executing or serving the temporary
9 restraining order or injunction. The petitioner may, at the petitioner's expense, use
10 a private process server to serve papers on the respondent.

11 **SECTION 276.** 813.12 (7m) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 813.12 (7m) TRANSCRIPTS. The judge or family circuit court commissioner shall
13 record the temporary restraining order or injunction hearing upon the request of the
14 petitioner.

15 **SECTION 277.** 813.122 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 813.122 (3) (a) Procedure for an action under this section is in 2 parts. First,
17 if the petitioner requests a temporary restraining order, the court or circuit court
18 commissioner shall issue or refuse to issue that order. Second, the court shall hold
19 a hearing under sub. (5) on whether to issue an injunction, which is the final relief.
20 If the court or circuit court commissioner issues a temporary restraining order, the
21 order shall set forth the date for the hearing on an injunction. If the court or circuit
22 court commissioner does not issue a temporary restraining order, the date for the
23 hearing shall be set upon motion by either party.

24 **SECTION 278.** 813.122 (3) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 813.122 (3) (b) (intro.) The court or circuit court commissioner, on its or his or
2 her own motion or the motion of any party, may order one or more of the following:

3 **SECTION 279.** 813.122 (3) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 813.122 (3) (bm) The court or circuit court commissioner shall appoint a
5 guardian ad litem if the respondent is a parent of the child.

6 **SECTION 280.** 813.122 (4) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 813.122 (4) (a) (intro.) A judge or circuit court commissioner shall issue a
8 temporary restraining order ordering the respondent to avoid the child victim's
9 residence or any premises temporarily occupied by the child victim or both, and to
10 avoid contacting or causing any person other than a party's attorney to contact the
11 child victim unless the petitioner consents in writing and the judge or circuit court
12 commissioner agrees that the contact is in the best interests of the child victim, if all
13 of the following occur:

14 **SECTION 281.** 813.122 (4) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 813.122 (4) (a) 1. The petitioner submits to the judge or circuit court
16 commissioner a petition alleging the elements set forth under sub. (6) (a).

17 **SECTION 282.** 813.122 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 813.122 (4) (a) 2. The judge or circuit court commissioner finds reasonable
19 grounds to believe that the respondent has engaged in, or based on prior conduct of
20 the child victim and the respondent may engage in, abuse of the child victim.

21 **SECTION 283.** 813.122 (5m) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 813.122 (5m) (a) 2. Except as provided in par. (ag), require the respondent to
23 surrender any firearms that he or she owns or has in his or her possession to the
24 sheriff of the county in which the action under this section was commenced, to the
25 sheriff of the county in which the respondent resides or to another person designated

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1 by the respondent and approved by the judge or circuit court commissioner. The
2 judge or circuit court commissioner shall approve the person designated by the
3 respondent unless the judge or circuit court commissioner finds that the person is
4 inappropriate and places the reasons for the finding on the record. If a firearm is
5 surrendered to a person designated by the respondent and approved by the judge or
6 circuit court commissioner, the judge or circuit court commissioner shall inform the
7 person to whom the firearm is surrendered of the requirements and penalties under
8 s. 941.29 (4).

9 **SECTION 284.** 813.122 (5m) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 813.122 (5m) (b) (intro.) A firearm surrendered under par. (a) 2. may not be
11 returned to the respondent until a judge or circuit court commissioner determines
12 all of the following:

13 **SECTION 285.** 813.122 (5m) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 813.122 (5m) (b) 2. That the person is not prohibited from possessing a firearm
15 under any state or federal law or by the order of any federal court or state court, other
16 than an order from which the judge or circuit court commissioner is competent to
17 grant relief.

18 **SECTION 286.** 813.122 (9) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 813.122 (9) (a) If an order is issued under this section, upon request by the
20 petitioner, the court or circuit court commissioner, as applicable, shall order the
21 sheriff to assist in executing or serving the temporary restraining order or
22 injunction.

23 **SECTION 287.** 813.123 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 813.123 (3) (a) Procedure for an action under this section is in 2 parts. First,
25 if the petitioner requests a temporary restraining order, the court or circuit court

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1 commissioner shall issue or refuse to issue that order. Second, the court shall hold
2 a hearing under sub. (5) on whether to issue an injunction, which is the final relief.
3 If the court or circuit court commissioner issues a temporary restraining order, the
4 order shall set forth the date for the hearing on an injunction. If the court or circuit
5 court commissioner does not issue a temporary restraining order, the date for the
6 hearing shall be set upon motion by either party.

7 **SECTION 288.** 813.123 (3) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 813.123 (3) (b) (intro.) The court or circuit court commissioner, on its or his or
9 her own motion or the motion of any party, may order one or more of the following:

10 **SECTION 289.** 813.123 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 813.123 (4) (a) Unless the vulnerable adult, guardian or guardian ad litem
12 consents in writing and the judge or circuit court commissioner agrees that the
13 contact is in the best interests of the vulnerable adult, a judge or circuit court
14 commissioner shall issue a temporary restraining order ordering the respondent to
15 avoid interference with an investigation of the vulnerable adult under s. 55.043, the
16 delivery of protective services to the vulnerable adult under s. 55.05 or a protective
17 placement of the vulnerable adult under s. 55.06 if all of the following occur:

18 1. The petitioner submits to the judge or circuit court commissioner a petition
19 alleging the elements set forth under sub. (6).

20 2. The judge or circuit court commissioner finds reasonable grounds to believe
21 that the respondent has interfered with, or based on prior conduct of the respondent
22 may interfere with, an investigation of the vulnerable adult under s. 55.043, the
23 delivery of protective services to the vulnerable adult under s. 55.05 or a protective
24 placement of the vulnerable adult under s. 55.06.

25 **SECTION 290.** 813.123 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 813.123 **(8)** (a) If an order is issued under this section, upon request by the
2 petitioner, the court or circuit court commissioner shall order the sheriff to assist in
3 executing or serving the temporary restraining order or injunction.

4 **SECTION 291.** 813.125 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 813.125 **(3)** (a) (intro.) A judge or circuit court commissioner may issue a
6 temporary restraining order ordering the respondent to cease or avoid the
7 harassment of another person, if all of the following occur:

8 **SECTION 292.** 813.125 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 813.125 **(3)** (a) 2. The judge or circuit court commissioner finds reasonable
10 grounds to believe that the respondent has violated s. 947.013.

11 **SECTION 293.** 813.125 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 813.125 **(3)** (c) The temporary restraining order is in effect until a hearing is
13 held on issuance of an injunction under sub. (4). A judge or circuit court
14 commissioner shall hold a hearing on issuance of an injunction within 7 days after
15 the temporary restraining order is issued, unless the time is extended upon the
16 written consent of the parties or extended once for 7 days upon a finding that the
17 respondent has not been served with a copy of the temporary restraining order
18 although the petitioner has exercised due diligence.

19 **SECTION 294.** 813.125 (4) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 813.125 **(4)** (a) (intro.) A judge or circuit court commissioner may grant an
21 injunction ordering the respondent to cease or avoid the harassment of another
22 person, if all of the following occur:

23 **SECTION 295.** 813.125 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

24 813.125 **(4)** (a) 2. The petitioner serves upon the respondent a copy of a
25 restraining order obtained under sub. (3) and notice of the time for the hearing on

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1 the issuance of the injunction under sub. (3) (c). The restraining order or notice of
2 hearing served under this subdivision shall inform the respondent that, if the judge
3 or circuit court commissioner issues an injunction, the judge or circuit court
4 commissioner may also order the respondent not to possess a firearm while the
5 injunction is in effect.

6 **SECTION 296.** 813.125 (4) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

7 813.125 (4) (a) 3. After hearing, the judge or circuit court commissioner finds
8 reasonable grounds to believe that the respondent has violated s. 947.013.

9 **SECTION 297.** 813.125 (4m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 813.125 (4m) (a) If a judge or circuit court commissioner issues an injunction
11 under sub. (4) and the judge or circuit court commissioner determines, based on clear
12 and convincing evidence presented at the hearing on the issuance of the injunction,
13 that the respondent may use a firearm to cause physical harm to another or to
14 endanger public safety, the judge or circuit court commissioner may prohibit the
15 respondent from possessing a firearm.

16 **SECTION 298.** 813.125 (4m) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 813.125 (4m) (c) 2. Except as provided in par. (cg), require the respondent to
18 surrender any firearms that he or she owns or has in his or her possession to the
19 sheriff of the county in which the action under this section was commenced, to the
20 sheriff of the county in which the respondent resides or to another person designated
21 by the respondent and approved by the judge or circuit court commissioner. The
22 judge or circuit court commissioner shall approve the person designated by the
23 respondent unless the judge or circuit court commissioner finds that the person is
24 inappropriate and places the reasons for the finding on the record. If a firearm is
25 surrendered to a person designated by the respondent and approved by the judge or

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1 circuit court commissioner, the judge or circuit court commissioner shall inform the
2 person to whom the firearm is surrendered of the requirements and penalties under
3 s. 941.29 (4).

4 **SECTION 299.** 813.125 (4m) (d) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 813.125 (4m) (d) (intro.) A firearm surrendered under par. (c) 2. may not be
6 returned to the respondent until a judge or circuit court commissioner determines
7 all of the following:

8 **SECTION 300.** 813.125 (4m) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 813.125 (4m) (d) 2. That the person is not prohibited from possessing a firearm
10 under any state or federal law or by the order of any federal court or state court, other
11 than an order from which the judge or circuit court commissioner is competent to
12 grant relief.

13 **SECTION 301.** 813.125 (5) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 813.125 (5) (am) The petition shall inform the respondent that, if the judge or
15 circuit court commissioner issues an injunction, the judge or circuit court
16 commissioner may also order the respondent not to possess a firearm while the
17 injunction is in effect.

18 **SECTION 302.** 814.615 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 814.615 (3) The court or ~~family~~ a circuit court commissioner shall direct either
20 or both parties to pay any applicable fee under this section. If either or both parties
21 are unable to pay, the court shall grant a separate judgment for the amount of the
22 fees in favor of the county and against the party or parties responsible for the fees.

23 **SECTION 303.** 814.68 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 **814.68 (title) Fees of supplemental court commissioners.**

25 **SECTION 304.** 814.68 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 814.68 (1) ~~PART-TIME~~ SUPPLEMENTAL COURT COMMISSIONERS. (intro.) A ~~part-time~~
2 supplemental court commissioner appointed under s. ~~757.68 (2)~~ 757.675 (1) shall
3 collect the following fees:

4 **SECTION 305.** 814.68 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 814.68 (1) (a) A fee of \$1 for each decision, signing or filing of a document or
6 other ministerial act required by law performed by a ~~part-time~~ supplemental court
7 commissioner. This paragraph does not apply to testimonial proceedings or
8 depositions taken before a supplemental court commissioner.

9 **SECTION 306.** 814.68 (1) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 814.68 (1) (b) (intro.) For the following duties performed by a ~~part-time~~
11 supplemental court commissioner held in the county courthouse or other court
12 facilities provided by law, reasonable compensation as fixed by the court but not more
13 than the hourly equivalent of the salary of a judge of the court:

14 **SECTION 307.** 814.68 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 814.68 (1) (b) 1. Every attendance upon the hearing of any motion for an order
16 which a supplemental court commissioner is authorized to grant and for attendance
17 upon any motion or an official act to be done by the supplemental court commissioner.

18 **SECTION 308.** 814.68 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 814.68 (2) **SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS.** For attendance upon an examination
20 under ch. 816, a supplemental court commissioner shall collect a fee of \$15 to be paid
21 upon the issuance of the order under s. 816.03 (1). The fee shall be returned in any
22 case where it appears by affidavit filed that the order was not served upon the
23 judgment debtor. This fee is the only fee a supplemental court commissioner is
24 entitled to for proceedings under ch. 816.

25 **SECTION 309.** 816.03 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 816.03 (1) (b) A supplemental court commissioner upon application of a
2 judgment creditor shall order any judgment debtor to appear before the
3 supplemental court commissioner and answer concerning the judgment debtor's
4 property at a time and place specified in the order, within said county, in lieu of the
5 procedure set forth in par. (a).

6 **SECTION 310.** 816.035 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

7 816.035 (1) An order under s. 816.03 (1) issued by a supplemental court
8 commissioner shall be served in the same manner as the service of a summons under
9 s. 801.11. The return on the order shall be made to the supplemental commissioner
10 who issued the order. The supplemental commissioner shall file the order and the
11 return with the clerk of the court in which the judgment involved is entered.

12 (2) Upon issuance of the order, the supplemental court commissioner shall
13 collect the fee prescribed in s. 814.68 (2) for attendance upon the examination.

14 **SECTION 311.** 818.02 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 818.02 (6) In a proceeding to determine paternity or to establish or revise a
16 child support or maintenance obligation, if the court or family a circuit court
17 commissioner finds that the petitioner cannot effect service of process upon the
18 respondent despite due diligence on the part of the petitioner or after the respondent
19 is personally served but fails to appear on the return date, on the date set for the
20 pretrial hearing or on the date set for the trial.

21 **SECTION 312.** 879.61 of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **879.61 Discovery proceedings.** Any personal representative or any person
23 interested who suspects that any other person has concealed, stolen, conveyed or
24 disposed of property of the estate; or is indebted to the decedent; possesses, controls
25 or has knowledge of concealed property of the decedent; possesses, controls or has

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1 knowledge of writings which contain evidence of or tend to disclose the right, title,
2 interest or claim of the decedent to any property; or possesses, controls or has
3 knowledge of any will of the decedent, may file a petition in the court so stating. The
4 court upon, such notice as it directs, may order the other person to appear before the
5 court or a circuit court commissioner for disclosure, may subpoena witnesses and
6 compel the production of evidence, and may make any order in relation to the matter
7 as is just and proper.

8 **SECTION 313.** 885.10 of the statutes is amended to read:

9 **885.10 Witness for indigent respondent or defendant.** Upon satisfactory
10 proof of the financial inability of the respondent or defendant to procure the
11 attendance of witnesses for his or her defense, the judge or supplemental court
12 commissioner, in any paternity proceeding or criminal action or proceeding, or in any
13 other case in which the respondent or defendant is represented by the state public
14 defender or by assigned counsel under s. 977.08, to be tried or heard before him or
15 her, may direct the witnesses to be subpoenaed as he or she determines is proper and
16 necessary, upon the respondent's or defendant's oath or affidavit or that of the
17 respondent's or defendant's attorney. Witnesses so subpoenaed shall be paid their
18 fees in the manner that witnesses for the state therein are paid. Determination of
19 indigency, in full or in part, under s. 977.07 is proof of the respondent's or defendant's
20 financial inability to procure the attendance of witnesses for his or her defense.

21 **SECTION 314.** 885.12 of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **885.12 Coercing witnesses before officers and boards.** If any person,
23 without reasonable excuse, fails to attend as a witness, or to testify as lawfully
24 required before any arbitrator, coroner, medical examiner, board, commission,
25 commissioner, examiner, committee, or other officer or person authorized to take

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1 testimony, or to produce a book or paper which the person was lawfully directed to
2 bring, or to subscribe the person's deposition when correctly reduced to writing, any
3 judge of a court of record or a circuit court commissioner in the county where the
4 person was obliged to attend may, upon sworn proof of the facts, issue an attachment
5 for the person, and unless the person shall purge the contempt and go and testify or
6 do such other act as required by law, may commit the person to close confinement in
7 the county jail until the person shall so testify or do such act, or be discharged
8 according to law. The sheriff of the county shall execute the commitment.

9 **SECTION 315.** 887.26 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 **887.26 (7) FEES.** The persons who take depositions and the witness shall be
11 entitled to the fees allowed supplemental court commissioners under s. 814.68 (1)
12 and witnesses for similar service by the law of this state, or such as may be prescribed
13 by the law of the state or country where taken.

14 **SECTION 316.** 898.02 of the statutes is amended to read:

15 **898.02 Notice to plaintiff.** The person shall cause notice to be given to the
16 plaintiff in the action, the plaintiff's agent or attorney, in writing, that at a time and
17 place specified in the notice the person will apply to the circuit judge or circuit court
18 commissioner of the county in which the person is so confined for the purpose of
19 obtaining a discharge from imprisonment.

20 **SECTION 317.** 898.04 of the statutes is amended to read:

21 **898.04 Prisoner to be examined.** At the time and place specified in the
22 notice the person shall be taken, under the custody of the jailer, the sheriff or the
23 sheriff's deputy, before the circuit judge or circuit court commissioner, who shall
24 examine the prisoner on oath concerning his or her estate and effects and the
25 disposal thereof and the prisoner's ability to pay the judgment for which he or she

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1 is committed; and who shall also hear any other legal and pertinent evidence that
2 may be produced by the debtor or the creditor.

3 **SECTION 318.** 898.11 of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **898.11 Inability to pay fees.** If the prisoner is unable to pay in whole or in
5 part the fees of the circuit judge ~~or court commissioner~~ in the proceedings, the
6 proceedings shall continue without charge to the prisoner.

7 **SECTION 319.** 906.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 906.15 (1) At the request of a party, the judge or a circuit court commissioner
9 shall order witnesses excluded so that they cannot hear the testimony of other
10 witnesses. The judge or circuit court commissioner may also make the order of his
11 or her own motion.

12 **SECTION 320.** 906.15 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 906.15 (2) (d) A victim, as defined in s. 950.02 (4), in a criminal case or a victim,
14 as defined in s. 938.02 (20m), in a delinquency proceeding under ch. 938, unless the
15 judge or circuit court commissioner finds that exclusion of the victim is necessary to
16 provide a fair trial for the defendant or a fair fact-finding hearing for the juvenile.
17 The presence of a victim during the testimony of other witnesses may not by itself
18 be a basis for a finding that exclusion of the victim is necessary to provide a fair trial
19 for the defendant or a fair fact-finding hearing for the juvenile.

20 **SECTION 321.** 906.15 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 906.15 (3) The judge or circuit court commissioner may direct that all excluded
22 and non-excluded witnesses be kept separate until called and may prevent them
23 from communicating with one another until they have been examined or the hearing
24 is ended.

25 **SECTION 322.** 911.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 911.01 (1) COURTS AND COURT COMMISSIONERS. Chapters 901 to 911 apply to the
2 courts of the state of Wisconsin, including municipal courts, ~~family court~~
3 ~~commissioners~~, and circuit, supplemental, and municipal court commissioners, in
4 the proceedings and to the extent hereinafter set forth except as provided in s. 972.11.
5 The word “judge” in chs. 901 to 911 means judge of a court of record, municipal judge,
6 ~~family or circuit, supplemental, or municipal~~ court commissioner, ~~and court~~
7 ~~commissioner~~.

8 **SECTION 323.** 938.06 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 938.06 (1) (a) 2. The chief judge of the judicial administrative district shall
10 formulate written judicial policy governing intake and court services for juvenile
11 matters under this chapter and the director shall be charged with executing the
12 judicial policy. The chief judge shall direct and supervise the work of all personnel
13 of the court, except the work of the district attorney or corporation counsel assigned
14 to the court. The chief judge may delegate his or her supervisory functions ~~under s.~~
15 ~~938.065 (1)~~.

16 **SECTION 324.** 938.065 of the statutes is repealed.

17 **SECTION 325.** 938.208 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 938.208 (4) Probable cause exists to believe that the juvenile, having been
19 placed in nonsecure custody by an intake worker under s. 938.207 or by the judge or
20 juvenile circuit court commissioner under s. 938.21 (4), has run away or committed
21 a delinquent act and no other suitable alternative exists.

22 **SECTION 326.** 938.21 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 938.21 (1) (a) If a juvenile who has been taken into custody is not released
24 under s. 938.20, a hearing to determine whether the juvenile shall continue to be held
25 in custody under the criteria of ss. 938.205 to 938.209 (1) shall be conducted by the

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1 judge or juvenile a circuit court commissioner within 24 hours after the end of the
2 day that the decision to hold the juvenile was made, excluding Saturdays, Sundays
3 and legal holidays. By the time of the hearing a petition under s. 938.25 shall be filed,
4 except that no petition need be filed where a juvenile is taken into custody under s.
5 938.19 (1) (b) or (d) 2., 6. or 7. or where the juvenile is a runaway from another state,
6 in which case a written statement of the reasons for holding a juvenile in custody
7 shall be substituted if the petition is not filed. If no hearing has been held within 24
8 hours or if no petition or statement has been filed at the time of the hearing, the
9 juvenile shall be released except as provided in par. (b). A parent not present at the
10 hearing shall be granted a rehearing upon request.

11 **SECTION 327.** 938.21 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 938.21 (1) (b) If no petition has been filed by the time of the hearing, a juvenile
13 may be held in custody with the approval of the judge or juvenile circuit court
14 commissioner for an additional 48 hours from the time of the hearing only if, as a
15 result of the facts brought forth at the hearing, the judge or juvenile circuit court
16 commissioner determines that probable cause exists to believe that the juvenile is
17 an imminent danger to himself or herself or to others, or that probable cause exists
18 to believe that the parent, guardian or legal custodian of the juvenile or other
19 responsible adult is neglecting, refusing, unable or unavailable to provide adequate
20 supervision and care. The extension may be granted only once for any petition. In
21 the event of failure to file a petition within the 48-hour extension period provided
22 for in this paragraph, the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner shall order the
23 juvenile's immediate release from custody.

24 **SECTION 328.** 938.21 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 938.21 (2) (c) Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the juvenile shall be
2 informed by the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner of the allegations that
3 have been or may be made, the nature and possible consequences of this hearing as
4 compared to possible future hearings, the provisions of s. 938.18 if applicable, the
5 right to counsel under s. 938.23 regardless of ability to pay if the juvenile is not yet
6 represented by counsel, the right to remain silent, the fact that the silence may not
7 be adversely considered by the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner, the right
8 to confront and cross-examine witnesses and the right to present witnesses.

9 **SECTION 329.** 938.21 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 938.21 (4) (intro.) If the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner finds that
11 the juvenile should be continued in custody under the criteria of s. 938.205, he or she
12 shall enter one of the following orders:

13 **SECTION 330.** 938.21 (4m) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 938.21 (4m) ELECTRONIC MONITORING. The judge or juvenile circuit court
15 commissioner may include in an order under sub. (4) (a) or (b) a condition that the
16 juvenile be monitored by an electronic monitoring system.

17 **SECTION 331.** 938.21 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 938.21 (7) DEFERRED PROSECUTION. If the judge or juvenile circuit court
19 commissioner determines that the best interests of the juvenile and the public are
20 served, he or she may enter a consent decree under s. 938.32 or order the petition
21 dismissed and refer the matter to the intake worker for deferred prosecution in
22 accordance with s. 938.245.

23 **SECTION 332.** 938.30 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 938.30 (9) If a circuit court commissioner conducts the plea hearing and accepts
25 an admission of the alleged facts in a petition brought under s. 938.12 or 938.13, the

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1 judge shall review the admission at the beginning of the dispositional hearing by
2 addressing the parties and making the inquires set forth in sub. (8).

3 **SECTION 333.** 938.32 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 938.32 (1) (a) At any time after the filing of a petition for a proceeding relating
5 to s. 938.12 or 938.13 and before the entry of judgment, the judge or juvenile circuit
6 court commissioner may suspend the proceedings and place the juvenile under
7 supervision in the juvenile's own home or present placement. The court may
8 establish terms and conditions applicable to the parent, guardian or legal custodian,
9 and to the juvenile, including any of the conditions specified in subs. (1d), (1g), (1m),
10 (1t), (1v) and (1x). The order under this section shall be known as a consent decree
11 and must be agreed to by the juvenile; the parent, guardian or legal custodian; and
12 the person filing the petition under s. 938.25. If the consent decree includes any
13 conditions specified in sub. (1g), the consent decree shall include provisions for
14 payment of the services as specified in s. 938.361. The consent decree shall be
15 reduced to writing and given to the parties.

16 **SECTION 334.** 938.32 (1d) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 938.32 (1d) If the petition alleges that the juvenile has committed an act that
18 would constitute a misdemeanor if committed by an adult, if the chief judge of the
19 judicial administrative district has approved under s. 973.11 (2) a volunteers in
20 probation program established in the juvenile's county of residence and if the judge
21 or juvenile circuit court commissioner determines that volunteer supervision under
22 that volunteers in probation program will likely benefit the juvenile and the
23 community, the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner may establish as a
24 condition under sub. (1) that the juvenile be placed with that volunteers in probation
25 program under such conditions as the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner

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1 determines are reasonable and appropriate. These conditions may include, but need
2 not be limited to, any of the following:

3 (a) A directive to a volunteer to provide for the juvenile a role model, informal
4 counseling, general monitoring and monitoring of the conditions established by the
5 judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner, or any combination of these functions.

6 (b) Any other conditions that the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner
7 may establish under this section.

8 **SECTION 335.** 938.32 (1g) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 938.32 **(1g)** (intro.) If the petition alleges that the juvenile committed a
10 violation specified under ch. 961 and if the multidisciplinary screen conducted under
11 s. 938.24 (2) shows that the juvenile is at risk of having needs and problems related
12 to the use of alcohol beverages, controlled substances or controlled substance analogs
13 and its medical, personal, family and social effects, the judge or juvenile circuit court
14 commissioner may establish as a condition under sub. (1) any of the following:

15 **SECTION 336.** 938.32 (1m) (intro.) and (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

16 938.32 **(1m)** (intro.) The judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner may
17 establish as a condition under sub. (1) that the juvenile be placed in a teen court
18 program if all of the following conditions apply:

19 (a) The chief judge of the judicial administrative district has approved a teen
20 court program established in the juvenile's county of residence and the judge or
21 juvenile circuit court commissioner determines that participation in the teen court
22 program will likely benefit the juvenile and the community.

23 **SECTION 337.** 938.32 (1t) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

24 938.32 **(1t)** (a) 1. Subject to subd. 3., if the petition alleges that the juvenile
25 committed a delinquent act that has resulted in damage to the property of another,

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1 or in actual physical injury to another excluding pain and suffering, the judge or
2 juvenile circuit court commissioner may require the juvenile as a condition of the
3 consent decree, to repair the damage to property or to make reasonable restitution
4 for the damage or injury, either in the form of cash payments or, if the victim agrees,
5 the performance of services for the victim, or both, if the judge or juvenile circuit court
6 commissioner, after taking into consideration the well-being and needs of the victim,
7 considers it beneficial to the well-being and behavior of the juvenile. Any consent
8 decree that includes a condition of restitution by a juvenile shall include a finding
9 that the juvenile alone is financially able to pay or physically able to perform the
10 services, may allow up to the date of the expiration of the consent decree for the
11 payment or for the completion of the services and may include a schedule for the
12 performance and completion of the services. Objection by the juvenile to the amount
13 of damages claimed shall entitle the juvenile to a hearing on the question of damages
14 before the amount of restitution is made part of the consent decree. Any recovery
15 under this subdivision shall be reduced by the amount recovered as restitution for
16 the same act under subd. 1m.

17 **SECTION 338.** 938.32 (1t) (a) 1m. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 938.32 **(1t)** (a) 1m. If the petition alleges that the juvenile has committed a
19 delinquent act that has resulted in damage to the property of another, or in actual
20 physical injury to another excluding pain and suffering, the judge or juvenile circuit
21 court commissioner may require a parent who has custody, as defined in s. 895.035
22 (1), of the juvenile, as a condition of the consent decree, to make reasonable
23 restitution for the damage or injury. Except for recovery for retail theft under s.
24 943.51, the maximum amount of any restitution ordered under this subdivision for
25 damage or injury resulting from any one act of a juvenile or from the same act

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1 committed by 2 or more juveniles in the custody of the same parent may not exceed
2 the amount specified in s. 799.01 (1) (d). Any consent decree that includes a condition
3 of restitution by a parent who has custody of the juvenile shall include a finding that
4 the parent who has custody of the juvenile is financially able to pay the amount
5 ordered and may allow up to the date of the expiration of the consent decree for the
6 payment. Objection by the parent to the amount of damages claimed shall entitle the
7 parent to a hearing on the question of damages before the amount of restitution is
8 made part of the consent decree. Any recovery under this subdivision shall be
9 reduced by the amount recovered as restitution for the same act under subd. 1.

10 **SECTION 339.** 938.32 (1t) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 938.32 (1t) (a) 3. Under this paragraph, a judge or juvenile circuit court
12 commissioner may not order a juvenile who is under 14 years of age to make more
13 than \$250 in restitution or to perform more than 40 total hours of services for the
14 victim as restitution.

15 **SECTION 340.** 938.32 (1v) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 938.32 (1v) If the petition alleges that the juvenile is in need of protection or
17 services under s. 938.13 (6), the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner may
18 establish as a condition under sub. (1) that the juvenile's parent, guardian or legal
19 custodian attend school with the juvenile.

20 **SECTION 341.** 938.32 (1x) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 938.32 (1x) If the petition alleges that the juvenile violated s. 943.017 and the
22 juvenile has attained the minimum age at which a juvenile may be adjudicated
23 delinquent, the judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner may require, as a
24 condition of the consent decree, that the juvenile participate for not less than 10
25 hours nor more than 100 hours in a supervised work program under s. 938.34 (5g)

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1 or perform not less than 10 hours nor more than 100 hours of other community
2 service work, except that if the juvenile has not attained 14 years of age the
3 maximum number of hours is 40.

4 **SECTION 342.** 938.32 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 938.32 (2) (a) A consent decree shall remain in effect for up to one year unless
6 the juvenile, parent, guardian or legal custodian is discharged sooner by the judge
7 or juvenile circuit court commissioner.

8 **SECTION 343.** 938.32 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 938.32 (6) The judge or juvenile circuit court commissioner shall inform the
10 juvenile and the juvenile's parent, guardian or legal custodian, in writing, of the
11 juvenile's right to object to the continuation of the consent decree under sub. (3) and
12 of the fact that the hearing under which the juvenile was placed on supervision may
13 be continued to conclusion as if the consent decree had never been entered.

14 **SECTION 344.** 940.203 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 940.203 (1) (b) "Judge" means a supreme court justice, court of appeals judge,
16 circuit court judge, municipal judge, temporary or permanent reserve, judge or
17 ~~juvenile, probate, family or other~~ circuit, supplemental, or municipal court
18 commissioner.

19 **SECTION 345.** 943.013 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 943.013 (1) (b) "Judge" means a supreme court justice, court of appeals judge,
21 circuit court judge, municipal judge, temporary or permanent reserve judge, or
22 ~~juvenile, probate, family or other~~ circuit, supplemental, or municipal court
23 commissioner.

24 **SECTION 346.** 946.495 of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 **946.495 Violation of nonsecure custody order.** If a person has been placed
2 in nonsecure custody by an intake worker under s. 938.207 or by a judge or juvenile
3 circuit court commissioner under s. 938.21 (4) and the person is alleged to be
4 delinquent under s. 938.12, alleged to be in need of protection or services under s.
5 938.13 (12) or has been taken into custody for committing an act that is a violation
6 of a state or federal criminal law, the person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if he
7 or she intentionally fails to comply with the conditions of his or her placement in
8 nonsecure custody.

9 **SECTION 347.** 967.07 of the statutes is amended to read:

10 **967.07 Court Circuit court commissioners.** A circuit court commissioner
11 may exercise powers or perform duties specified for a judge if such action is permitted
12 under s. 757.69.

13 **SECTION 348.** 971.20 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 971.20 (3) (a) In this subsection, “judge” includes a circuit court commissioner
15 who is assigned to conduct the preliminary examination.

16 **SECTION 349.** 973.20 (13) (c) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 973.20 (13) (c) 4. Refer the disputed restitution issues to a circuit court
18 commissioner or other appropriate referee, who shall conduct a hearing on the
19 matter and submit the record thereof, together with proposed findings of fact and
20 conclusions of law, to the court within 60 days of the date of referral. Within 30 days
21 after the referee’s report is filed, the court shall determine the amount of restitution
22 on the basis of the record submitted by the referee and incorporate it into the
23 sentence or probation order imposed. The judge may direct that hearings under this
24 subdivision be recorded either by audio recorder or by a court reporter. A transcript
25 is not required unless ordered by the judge.

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1 **SECTION 350.** 977.05 (6) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 977.05 **(6)** (b) 2. The judge or family circuit court commissioner before whom
3 the proceedings shall be held certifies to the state public defender that the person will
4 not be incarcerated if he or she is found in contempt of court.

5 **SECTION 351.** 979.05 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 979.05 **(1)** An inquest shall be conducted by a circuit judge or a circuit court
7 commissioner.

8 **SECTION 352.** 979.05 (2) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

9 979.05 **(2)** The inquest shall be conducted before a jury unless the district
10 attorney, coroner, or medical examiner requests that the inquest be conducted before
11 the judge or circuit court commissioner only. If the inquest is to be conducted before
12 a jury, a sufficient number of names of prospective jurors shall be selected from the
13 prospective juror list for the county in which the inquest is to be held by the clerk of
14 circuit court in the manner provided in s. 756.06. The judge or circuit court
15 commissioner conducting the inquest shall summon the prospective jurors to appear
16 before the judge or circuit court commissioner at the time fixed in the summons. The
17 summons may be served by mail, or by personal service if the judge, circuit court
18 commissioner, or district attorney determines personal service to be appropriate.
19 The summons shall be in the form used to summon petit jurors in the circuit courts
20 of the county. Any person who fails to appear when summoned as an inquest juror
21 is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$40. The inquest jury shall consist of 6
22 jurors. If 6 jurors do not remain from the number originally summoned after
23 establishment of qualifications, the judge or circuit court commissioner conducting
24 the inquest may require the clerk of the circuit court to select sufficient additional

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1 jurors' names. Those persons shall be summoned forthwith by the sheriff of the
2 county.

3 **SECTION 353.** 979.05 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 979.05 (3) The judge or circuit court commissioner shall examine on oath or
5 affirmation each person who is called as a juror to discover whether the juror is
6 related by blood, marriage or adoption to the decedent, any member of the decedent's
7 family, the district attorney, any other attorney appearing in the case or any
8 members of the office of the district attorney or of the office of any other attorney
9 appearing in the case, has expressed or formed any opinion regarding the matters
10 being inquired into in the inquest or is aware of or has any bias or prejudice
11 concerning the matters being inquired into in the inquest. If any prospective juror
12 is found to be not indifferent or is found to have formed an opinion which cannot be
13 laid aside, that juror shall be excused. The judge or ~~court~~ circuit commissioner may
14 select one or more alternate jurors if the inquest is likely to be protracted. This
15 subsection does not limit the right of the district attorney to supplement the judge's
16 or ~~court~~ circuit commissioner's examination of any prospective jurors as to
17 qualifications.

18 **SECTION 354.** 979.05 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 979.05 (4) When 6 jurors have been selected, the judge or circuit court
20 commissioner shall administer to them an oath or affirmation which shall be
21 substantially in the following form:

22 You do solemnly swear (affirm) that you will diligently inquire and determine
23 on behalf of this state when, and in what manner and by what means, the person
24 known as who is now dead came to his or her death and that you will return
25 a true verdict thereon according to your knowledge, according to the evidence

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1 presented and according to the instructions given to you by the (judge) (circuit
2 court commissioner).

3 **SECTION 355.** 979.05 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 979.05 (5) Prior to the submission of evidence to the jury, the judge or circuit
5 court commissioner may instruct the jury on its duties and on the substantive law
6 regarding the issues which may be inquired into before the jury. The district attorney
7 may, at any time during the course of the inquest, make statements to the jury
8 relating to procedural or evidentiary matters he or she and the judge or circuit court
9 commissioner deem appropriate. Section 972.12 applies to the conduct of the inquest
10 jury.

11 **SECTION 356.** 979.05 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 979.05 (6) The judge or circuit court commissioner conducting the inquest may
13 order that proceedings be secret if the district attorney so requests or concurs.

14 **SECTION 357.** 979.06 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 979.06 (1) The judge or circuit court commissioner may issue subpoenas for
16 witnesses at the request of the coroner or medical examiner and shall issue
17 subpoenas for witnesses requested by the district attorney. Subpoenas are
18 returnable at the time and place stated therein. Persons who are served with a
19 subpoena may be compelled to attend proceedings in the manner provided in s.
20 885.12.

21 **SECTION 358.** 979.06 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 979.06 (2) The judge or circuit court commissioner conducting the inquest and
23 the district attorney may require by subpoena the attendance of one or more expert
24 witnesses, including physicians, surgeons and pathologists, for the purposes of
25 conducting an examination of the body and all relevant and material scientific and

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1 medical tests connected with the examination and testifying as to the results of the
2 examination and tests. The expert witnesses so subpoenaed shall receive reasonable
3 fees determined by the district attorney and the judge or circuit court commissioner
4 conducting the inquest.

5 **SECTION 359.** 979.06 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 979.06 (3) Any witness examined at an inquest may have counsel present
7 during the examination of that witness. The counsel may not examine or
8 cross-examine his or her client, cross-examine or call other witnesses or argue
9 before the judge or circuit court commissioner holding the inquest.

10 **SECTION 360.** 979.06 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 979.06 (4) (intro.) The judge or circuit court commissioner shall administer an
12 oath or affirmation to each witness which shall be substantially in the following
13 form:

14 **SECTION 361.** 979.06 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 979.06 (5) The judge or circuit court commissioner conducting the inquest shall
16 cause the testimony given by all witnesses to be reduced to writing or recorded and
17 may employ stenographers to take and transcribe all of the testimony. The
18 stenographer shall receive reimbursement at a reasonable rate for each appearance
19 and transcription at rates in accordance with the customary charges in the area for
20 similar services.

21 **SECTION 362.** 979.08 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 979.08 (1) When the evidence is concluded and the testimony closed, the judge
23 or circuit court commissioner shall instruct the jury on its duties and on the
24 substantive law regarding the issues inquired into before the jury. The district
25 attorney shall prepare a written set of appropriate requested instructions and shall

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1 submit them to the judge or circuit court commissioner who, together with the
2 district attorney, shall compile the final set of instructions which shall be given. The
3 instructions shall include those criminal offenses for which the judge or circuit court
4 commissioner believes a reasonable jury might return a verdict based upon a finding
5 of probable cause.

6 **SECTION 363.** 979.08 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 979.08 (3) (intro.) The jury shall retire to consider its verdict after hearing all
8 of the testimony and evidence, making all necessary inquiries and having been
9 instructed in the law. The judge or circuit court commissioner shall provide the jury
10 with one complete set of written instructions providing the substantive law to be
11 applied to the issues to be decided. The verdict shall be in a form which permits the
12 following findings:

13 **SECTION 364.** 979.08 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 979.08 (6) Any verdict so rendered, after being validated and signed by the
15 judge or circuit court commissioner, together with the record of the inquest, shall be
16 delivered to the district attorney for consideration. After considering the verdict and
17 record, the district attorney may deliver the entire inquest record or any part thereof
18 to the coroner or medical examiner for safekeeping.

19 **SECTION 365.** 979.08 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 979.08 (7) The record of a secret inquest proceeding shall not be open for
21 inspection unless so ordered by the judge or circuit court commissioner conducting
22 the inquest upon petition by the district attorney.

23 **SECTION 366.** 979.09 of the statutes is amended to read:

24 **979.09 Burial of body.** If any judge or circuit court commissioner conducts
25 an inquest as to the death of a stranger or of a person whose identity is unknown or

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1 whose body is unclaimed or if the district attorney determines that no inquest into
2 the death of such a person is necessary and the circuit judge has not ordered an
3 inquest under s. 979.04 (2), the coroner or medical examiner shall cause the body to
4 be decently buried or cremated and shall certify to all the charges incurred in taking
5 any inquest by him or her and to the expenses of burial or cremation of the dead body.
6 The charges and expenses shall be audited by the county board of the proper county
7 and paid out of the county treasury.

8 **SECTION 367. Initial applicability.**

9 (1) This act first applies to actions commenced on the effective date of this
10 subsection.

11 **SECTION 368. Effective date.**

12 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 2nd month beginning after
13 publication.

14 (END)